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Indianapolis International Airport passes twelfth consecutive annual FAA safety inspection with zero discrepancies

INDIANAPOLIS – For an unprecedented twelfth straight year, Indianapolis International Airport (IND) has passed its three-day annual Part 139 Airport Certification inspection by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with no discrepancies. The Part 139 inspection is a comprehensive review process required for an airport to renew its operating certificate.

An inspection with no discrepancies is noteworthy; maintaining this level of achievement for 12 consecutive years represents an exceptional level of achievement.

The three-day inspection process involves the scrutiny of safety records, emergency operation manuals, and other documents; meetings with airport management; and on-site checks by a team of federal inspectors.

“Safeguarding the well-being of the flying public is something built into the airport culture, and our team works relentlessly every day not just at maintaining that commitment, but improving our practices whenever possible,” said Mike Medvescek, chief operating officer for the Indianapolis Airport Authority.

“Although we’re proud to mark our twelfth straight year with no discrepancies, we’ll work even harder and never be complacent in doing the things required to attain the level of performance reflected in our inspection record,” he added. “Our employees are dedicated and well trained to handle any safety or security issue.”

Medvescek’s staff perform public safety, security, airfield operations, maintenance, terminal services, and other critical airport functions. Responsibilities include continuously patrolling airport property to guard against potential violations and promptly address any maintenance, safety, or security issues.

The components of the inspection focus on ensuring compliance and safety criteria in areas including:

- Type and condition of aircraft firefighting and rescue equipment
- Timed-response emergency drills
- Airfield security
- Safe, appropriate movement of aircraft and ground-support equipment
- Quality of lighting, signage, markings, and pavement conditions for runways, taxiways, ramps, and apron areas
- Fuel facilities and mobile fueling operations
- Wildlife management

About the Authority

The Indianapolis Airport Authority (IAA) owns and operates Indiana's largest airport system. In addition to Indianapolis International Airport (IND), its facilities include the Downtown Heliport, Eagle Creek Airpark, Hendricks County Airport, Indianapolis Regional Airport, and Metropolitan Airport. IND has received several prestigious awards recognizing it as a leader within its class. It was named the 2010 best North American airport by J.D. Power and Associates and best airport in North America by Airports Council International as part of its annual Airport Service Quality awards for performance excellence. IND is the first airport in the U.S. to win LEED® certification for an entire terminal campus, and the airport has received numerous other awards since the Midfield Terminal opened in 2008, including recognition for excellent customer service, concessions programs, and art and architecture. IND's economic impact in Central Indiana is more than \$3.3 billion annually, and about 10,000 people work at the airport each day. With some of the lowest fares in the U.S., IND serves more than 7 million business and leisure travelers each year and averages 140 daily nonstop flights to 34 destinations. Home of the world's second-largest FedEx Express operation and the nation's eighth-largest cargo facility, IND is committed to becoming the airport system of choice for both passenger and cargo service.

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