



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner

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Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino leads Aviation Officials to Abu Dhabi as part of Sister Airports Agreement

Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino and four CDA team members began travel to Abu Dhabi today at the invitation of the Abu Dhabi Airports Company (ADAC).

On October 15, 2009, the CDA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ADAC establishing O'Hare International Airport and Abu Dhabi International Airport as "sister airports." The agreement outlines a process for the airports to share technical, commercial and environmental best practices, and establish committees to work cooperatively on a wide range of issues.

The CDA team was invited, along with five other national and international airport teams, to participate in a peer review of ADAC's planned Midfield Terminal Complex. The airport teams will review the plans for design, operational planning, sustainability goals and passenger information.

This working trip is a continuation of the "sister airport" partnership and will also include day-long seminars and an opportunity to observe operations of two international airports, Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

During the trip, Commissioner Andolino will be giving a presentation on the green initiatives of the O'Hare Modernization Program and the CDA's Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM). The SAM integrates airport-specific sustainable planning and practices from the design process through construction, operations, maintenance, and all airport functions and those of its tenants into one manual for green airports.

Andolino's team will return to Chicago on February 20. The working trip is entirely sponsored and funded by ADAC.

Abu Dhabi International Airport served more than nine million passengers in 2008, up from nearly seven million in 2007. The airports opened its new Terminal 3 in 2009, expanding the airport's annual capacity to 12 million passengers. The Midfield Terminal Complex, which is under construction, will extend capacity to 40 million passengers annually.

Abu Dhabi Airports Company (ADAC) is a public joint-stock company incorporated by Emiri Decree number 5, of March 4, 2006, to spearhead the development of the Emirate's aviation industry.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportsgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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