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## **CITY INTRODUCES NEW O'HARE AND MIDWAY CONCESSIONS CONTRACTS**

Nine new concessions contracts for O'Hare International Airport and one new contract for a concession at Midway Airport were introduced to the Chicago City Council today.

"This is a major opportunity to make significant enhancements to our concessions program," said Mayor Daley. "Our goal is to provide new and unique goods and services for travelers passing through O'Hare and Midway Airports."

The O'Hare agreements would include Garrett Popcorn Shops, Barbara's Bookstore, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Nuts on Clark and CIBO Express Gourmet Market, which are new concepts:

- With locations on State Street and Michigan Avenue, Garrett Popcorn Shops have been a Chicago tradition since 1949. Garrett's popcorn products, custom chocolates and fresh roasted nuts are loved by native Chicagoans and tourists and will soon be made available to travelers at two locations at O'Hare.
- The first Barbara's Bookstore opened on North Wells Street in Chicago in the early 1960's and today, they have locations at Sears Tower, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Oak Park and University of Illinois-Chicago. Truly a "neighborhood" bookstore, Barbara's will operate five stores at O'Hare in a manner that continues the proud tradition of offering world-class bookselling to Chicago's neighborhoods.
- The perfect grab-and-go product for airport travelers, Auntie Anne's Pretzels are fresh, never frozen and made-by-hand at more than 900 stores worldwide. In 2005, these pretzels provided a healthy, affordable snack alternative to more than 2.5 million customers in the Chicagoland area alone. Auntie Anne's Pretzels will operate two locations at O'Hare.

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- Winner of *Money* magazine's coveted 3-heart rating for best chocolate, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory takes pride in the production of chocolate. With two locations at O'Hare, Rocky Mountain will offer an exceptional line of fine chocolates, fresh, made-in-store candy and confections and caramel apples.
- Nuts on Clark was established 27 years ago on Chicago's north side and today proudly represents Chicago by offering a great variety of chocolate, nuts, fruits, gourmet popcorns and gift items, all made on-site at their North Clark Street address. Ideal for O'Hare travelers seeking a memento of their visit to Chicago, Nuts on Clark will operate two locations at O'Hare.
- CIBO Express Gourmet Market will be O'Hare's first grocery store, offering more than 550 different food items. Freshly prepared and packaged to go, the menu includes sandwiches, salads, wraps, fresh and dried fruit, sushi, spreads and dips, caviar, cheese and crackers and gourmet cookies. O'Hare's two CIBO Express stores will appeal to connecting and departing travelers, as well as arriving passengers who need to pick up a loaf of bread or a quart of milk before heading home.

The City Council was also asked to approve a contract for shoeshine services at both O'Hare and Midway Airports to Shoe Hospital, Inc., an Illinois corporation, and renew contracts with The Grove and Hudson News and Gifts, which currently operate at O'Hare Airport.

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