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SPRING GREENING RETURNS TO O'HARE AND MIDWAY AIRPORTS

Recycling tips and environment information provided to travelers during "Month of Environment"

CHICAGO – Green-themed kiosks are sprouting up throughout the terminals at O'Hare and Midway International Airports as part of the Chicago Department of Aviation's second annual "Month of Environment." Back by popular demand, the informational kiosks aim to educate travelers about the City of Chicago's green initiatives and provide information about what they can do to recycle while at the airports. In addition, the Department of Aviation's Environment Office will distribute environmentally friendly-themed activity books to children, and bookmarks and postcards to travelers at both airports during the month of April.

"These green displays remind travelers that the City of Chicago is committed to being the most environmentally friendly city in the nation," said Aviation Commissioner Nuria I. Fernandez. "Travelers passing through Chicago's airports can learn how to incorporate environmentally friendly practices into their daily lives both here and abroad."

As part of Mayor Daley's initiative to make Chicago the greenest city in the nation, the Month of Environment kiosks are part of an ongoing public education campaign that encourages everyone to work together to conserve and protect the environment, and improve the quality of life for all Chicagoans. The 22 informational kiosks provide travelers with practical tips and ideas that promote best practices, such as: turning off water faucets when not in use; saving coffee grounds for compost; using public transportation to alleviate traffic and minimize air pollutants; purchasing recycled products; and recycling appropriately. The kiosks are sponsored by the City's Departments of Aviation and General Services along with environmentally focused companies including Delta Institute, the Center for Neighborhood Technology and the Illinois Institute of Technology.

The Department of Aviation's "Month of Environment" was introduced in April 2006 in an effort to raise travelers' awareness about the importance of preserving and protecting the environment. Last year, the Department of Aviation unveiled a 3,860 square-foot green roof and solar panel array atop the Chicago Fire Department's Rescue Building #3 at O'Hare Airport. Recently, a solar panel array was installed on the roof of the firehouse at Midway Airport.

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The Department of Aviation's "Month of Environment" will continue through Friday, April 27. Visit the Environment section at www.flychicago.com to view samples of the activity book, postcards and bookmarks.

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The Chicago Airport System 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 Airport System.

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