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## O'HARE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM RECOGNIZES PROGRAM SAFETY 355,000 WORKHOURS PERFORMED SAFELY

Today the City of Chicago O'Hare Modernization Program recognized one of its contractors, Kiewit Western, for the milestone of safely performing 355,000 consecutive construction work hours without a reportable incident.

The O'Hare Modernization Program is just 471 days away from commissioning two new runways and a new North Air Traffic Control Tower on November 20, 2008. Tremendous progress is being made on the modernization program and the City is proud of its safety record.

The O'Hare Modernization Program has an excellent overall safety record, which is a credit to all of its prime and sub-contractors. In more than 1.7 million construction hours worked on the OMP, the lost workday rate is 70% below the national average and injury rate is 56% below the national average.

"Our goal is simple – we want everyone that arrives at work each day to go home to their families each night safe and sound," said Rosemarie S. Andolino, OMP Executive Director. "The O'Hare Modernization Program is strongly committed to maintaining safety and that commitment to our workers and the traveling public will never be compromised," added Andolino.

To achieve this excellent safety record, the OMP requires extensive safety training for its employees. To date, the OMP has trained nearly 2,900 workers, representing 127 different companies and government agencies.

"All of the progress being made on the OMP is very encouraging," said Chicago City Council Aviation Committee Chairman Patrick Levar. "Modernizing O'Hare to reduce delays and add capacity is critical to the national aviation system, and I am encouraged by the fact that all of this work is being done safely," added Levar.

"Modernizing O'Hare is critical to the Chicago economy; particularly for the working men and women providing the skilled labor necessary to work on such a large and complex program," said Dennis Gannon, President, Chicago Federation of Labor. "The OMP will create as many as 195,000 new jobs and add \$18 billion in economic activity to our economy each year," added Gannon.

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"The infrastructure investment at O'Hare is a credit to the vision and of Mayor Daley," said William Dugan, President and Business Manager of the International Union of Operating Engineer's Local 150. "I have hundreds of operators working on the modernization program right now, making it the largest infrastructure project Local 150 has ever been involved in," added Dugan.

The O'Hare Modernization Program, approved by the federal government in September 2005, will reconfigure O'Hare's outdated intersecting runway configuration into a modern parallel configuration, substantially reducing delays and increasing capacity. The OMP will create up to 195,000 new jobs and add an additional \$18 billion in annual economic activity to the region without the use of any state or local taxpayer dollars.

The OMP has awarded 17 construction bid packages worth nearly \$750 million thus far.

A total of four construction projects are complete, including an American Airline Parking Lot relocation, Runway 14L Threshold Displacement, JAWA 90" watermain relocation and extension of existing Taxiway Kilo, the first new piece of usable airport concrete paved by the program.

Construction activities for the OMP are underway on both the North and South Airfields. To date, contractors have moved more than 7.5 million cubic yards of dirt, placed more than 6,000 linear feet of concrete box culverts to relocate a creek, 35,000 linear feet of storm sewers, and 72,000 linear feet of duct banks. On the South Airfield, we have placed 38,000 tons of asphalt, and paved more than 76,000 square yards of concrete, including the paving work for the extension of Taxiway Kilo as well as the extension of Runway 10L.

All of the progress made on the OMP has been made in an environmentally responsible manner. Under Mayor Daley's leadership, the City of Chicago is at the forefront of the "green" movement. By creating and implementing the Sustainable Design Manual (SDM), the OMP has been nationally recognized for its commitment to incorporating sustainable initiatives into all design and construction contracts.

Some of OMP's sustainable initiatives include:

- Working to keep as much dirt on site as possible to reduce emissions associated with construction traffic on local roadways;
- Building vegetated roofs on our Airfield Lighting Control Vault, the canopy of the relocated Guard Post 1 and the base building of our new North Air Traffic Control Tower;
- Requiring the use of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel (ULSD) for on- and off-road construction vehicles greater than 50 hp. This requirement is included in every OMP construction contract, and was put in place five years ahead of the federal government's mandate; and
- Recycling 90 percent of the materials from building demolitions, diverting it from local landfills.

For the most up-to-date information on the OMP, including construction updates and upcoming bid packages, please visit [www.OhareModernization.org](http://www.OhareModernization.org).

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