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O'Hare Named "Best Airport in North America" by *Global Traveler* magazine

CHICAGO – Chicago O'Hare International Airport did it again!

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA), which operates O'Hare and Midway International Airports, accepted the "Best Airport in North America" award for O'Hare International Airport from *Global Traveler*, a business travel and lifestyle magazine for international business travelers. It is the 12th straight year that O'Hare has been named "Best Airport in North America" by a leading travel magazine.

Global Traveler's CEO and Publisher Francis X. Gallagher and Vice President Richard T. Evans presented the award this week to Michael Boland, CDA First Deputy Commissioner in O'Hare's Terminal 2.

"On behalf of Mayor Rahm Emanuel, we are delighted to again have O'Hare International Airport recognized by *Global Traveler's* readers as the best among the best," said CDA Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. "O'Hare is one of the busiest airports in the world and we are constantly working to improve the traveler experience by enhancing air service, world-class dining and shopping and other passenger amenities expected and demanded by business and leisure travelers. And we will continue to invest in the areas of technology, efficiency, sustainability, safety and other amenities."

Global Traveler readers were polled on 66 categories related to airlines, hotels, airports, loyalty programs and travel-related products, and the results determined the winners in each category. The full survey results can be found [here](#) or going to Global Traveler's web site. More than 36,000 responses were received to the annual survey. *Global Traveler* readers are frequent premium travelers averaging 16 international and 16 domestic round-trip flights a year, with an average annual household income of \$340,000. *Global Traveler's* readers spend an average 80 nights per year away on foreign travel and 40 on domestic travel, and 78 percent regularly travel in first or business class.

O'Hare has won "Best Airport in North America" award for eight consecutive years, between 2004-2011, from *Global Traveler*, and four years between 2000-2003 from Global Traveler's predecessor magazine, *Business Traveler*.

About the Chicago Department of Aviation

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.

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**Photo 1 caption –** Michael Boland, First Deputy, Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) (left), accepts the "Best Airport in North America" award from *Global Traveler* magazine's CEO and Publisher Francis X. Gallagher. The readers' award presentation was made in Terminal 2 at O'Hare.

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