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CHICAGO AND BELGRADE AIRPORT DIRECTORS SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

CHICAGO . Department of Aviation Commissioner Nuria I. Fernandez and Belgrade Airport Director General Nebojsa Nedeljkovic today signed a Memorandum of Understanding at Chicago O'Hare International Airport. The agreement between the airports directors signifies their intent to work together and promote the advancement of relations between both cities airports.

"We are pleased to continue working with Belgrade to develop mutual beneficial avenues of cooperation in airport matters," said Commissioner Fernandez. "This agreement solidifies a long-term relationship not only between two great cities, but two great airport systems as well."

The Memorandum of Understanding signed today is intended to provide a broad framework for the future relations of the Chicago Airport System and Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport. Both parties agreed to develop an understanding of shared issues and concerns, explore mechanisms for future dialogue to exchange views, and make a special effort to collaborate on issues such as the environment.

On June 7, 2005, the City of Chicago and the City of Belgrade signed the Chicago Sister Cities International Program agreement. On September 18, 2006, the State of Illinois and the State of Serbia signed a Sister State agreement, thereby becoming Sister States.

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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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