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First take-off on new runway at Collin County Regional Airport

McKINNEY, TEXAS (July 26, 2012) – Today, the first aircraft will take off from the new runway at Collin County Regional Airport at McKinney. Three aircraft – a corporate jet, a charter plane and a private jet – will be the first to take off from the new 7002-foot runway at the airport following a brief ceremony with elected officials.

When: Thursday, July 26 at 9 a.m.
Where: Collin County Regional Airport at McKinney, 1500 E. Industrial Blvd.
McKinney, Texas 75069
Follow Event Signage from Industrial Blvd.

"As the airport continues to add state-of-the art equipment and amenities like the new air traffic control tower and a wider, heavier duty runway, the impact it has on economic growth in the region will continue to grow," said McKinney Mayor Brian Loughmiller. "Now we are looking to the operational future of Collin County Regional Airport as it serves to help create an even more prosperous Collin County and North Texas."

Officials, including representatives from the office of U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson, Collin County Commissioners Court members, McKinney City Council members, and Mayors and City Managers from Collin County cities will board three aircraft to the be first to take off from the new runway.

The runway was constructed at 7,002 feet long and 150 feet wide with a weight-bearing capacity of 450,000 pounds. It is the largest in single development project in Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Aviation history.

The width and weight-bearing capacity can accommodate larger, heavier aircraft, including commercial jets. Other additional new projects at the airport include the relocation of FM546 using aviation grants to accommodate the runway and a future

extension, a new air traffic control tower and a recently unveiled regional incentive for other cities and entities in Collin County.

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About McKinney
McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of more than 136,000. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments. The city was ranked as the #5 Best Places to Live by Money Magazine in 2010. Visit the city's website at www.mckinneytexas.org.