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DFW Airport appoints Vice President of Small & Emerging Business

DALLAS/FORT WORTH AIRPORT, TEXAS (June 18, 2001)--DFW International Airport announced today the appointment of Byron K. Reed to the position of vice president of the Airport's Small & Emerging Business Department. Reed joined the Board on Monday, June 18 and will oversee the department's continued efforts to increase awareness and outreach where minority, women and small business enterprises have the opportunity to showcase their products and services to gain business opportunities and establish positive relations with the Airport.

"DFW Airport serves as a vital economic engine in our region. I am certain Byron will direct our efforts to ensure businesses of all sizes are offered the opportunity to promote their goods and services at the Airport," said Linda Valdez Thompson, DFW Airport executive vice president of Administration and Diversity.

Reed comes to the Board from Wells Fargo Bank Texas, where he served as regional vice president of Community Development. His responsibilities included implementing activities and programs designed to meet state credit needs of communities and businesses in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio markets.

Prior to working at Wells Fargo Bank Texas, Reed directed and implemented Minority, Women, Disadvantaged-Owned Business Enterprise strategic programs at leading state and national companies such as, Bank One and First National Bank in Chicago.

In addition to his successful career as a community developer in the banking field, Reed has chaired numerous community organizations including, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, 100 Black Men of Greater Dallas Inc. and The Texas Juvenile Probation Commission.

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Reed received a bachelor's degree in Political Science/Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

The Small & Emerging Business Department has an excellent track record in serving minority and woman-owned business enterprises (M/WBEs). Last year, DFW Airport attained \$283 million in M/WBE expenditures and concessionaire revenues representing thirty percent M/WBE participation. The SEBD also initiates M/WBE growth by offering programs to assist contractors in business development, bonding, and marketing strategies. DFW Airport expects to bring more opportunities to M/WBEs in the future through the Airport's \$2.5 billion Capital Development Project.

DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest airport, serving 60 million passengers a year. Offering nearly 2,300 flights daily, DFW Airport provides nonstop service to 132 domestic and 32 international destinations worldwide. For real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, log on to www.dfwairport.com

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