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## **AMERICA'S AIRPORT EXECUTIVES TO MEET IN DALLAS**

**First major meeting since 9/11 to focus on security, business recovery and federal legislation**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – April 25 – The nation's airport executives, businesses and suppliers will meet at the 74th Annual American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Conference and Exposition in Dallas, Texas, from May 19 through May 22. All conference business activities, including the exposition and business sessions, will take place at the Wyndam Anatole Hotel in Dallas.

"This conference helps airport executives and professionals stay at the cutting edge of security trends and technology developments and offers unparalleled opportunities to listen to and learn from experts from all facets of the aviation industry," AAAE President Chip Barclay said.

More than 2,400 airport industry professionals are expected to attend this annual event that will featured speakers such as Donald J. Carty, Chairman, President and CEO of AMR Corporation and American Airlines, Inc., Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Senate Aviation Subcommittee Ranking Member, FAA Administrator Jane Garvey and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Chief John Magaw. More than 250 companies will occupy over 325 booths with the latest in aviation-related advancements.

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The conference is hosted by Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, which has posted one of the strongest airport business recoveries since September 11.

“Given the national importance of airport and aviation issues, we are proud to be the host airport for the AAAE Annual Conference,” said Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW Airport. “Much has changed in our world since 9/11, and this meeting allows airport, airline and government officials a strategic chance to dialogue about those changes and the future. It’s also a good opportunity to network, develop new corporate contacts and learn more about the evolving issues of security and other important aviation initiatives.”

Members of the media will receive complimentary registration, and a press room will be available at the Wyndam Anatole. To register for the conference, please contact Eryn Travis at 703 575 2475 or [eryn.travis@airportnet.org](mailto:eryn.travis@airportnet.org).

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Editor’s Note: AAAE, founded in 1928, is a non-profit professional organization whose airport executive members are responsible for the planning, management and operation of airports worldwide. For more information, visit AAAE’s website at <http://www.airportnet.org>.