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**AIRPORT EXECUTIVES WANT CONGRESS TO PUSH
BACK BAGGAGE SCREENING DEADLINE**

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**SURVEY OF AAAE MEMBERS REFLECTS
CONCERNS ABOUT MEETING FEDERAL
MANDATES, IMPROVING CUSTOMER SERVICE**

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (May 22, 2002) — DFW International Airport announced today the results of a survey conducted among airport executives attending the 74th annual conference of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), being held this week in Dallas. An overwhelming majority (78 percent) of the airport executives surveyed believe that Congress should move back the December 31, 2002, deadline that mandates all airports and airlines screen checked luggage for explosives.

The survey also asked what issue should top the TSA's agenda and nearly half (49 percent) of AAAE members surveyed said the TSA should focus on providing a stable set of rules and procedures. This was followed closely by 37 percent who said adequate funding for airport security should be the top priority for TSA.

The four-day conference concludes today, after briefings with representatives of the nation's 429 commercial airports with key federal officials like FAA Administrator Jane Garvey and Under Secretary of Transportation for Security and head of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) John Magaw.

"We appreciate the candor that Secretary Magaw brought to the meeting. I'm certain the nation's airports will continue to support the efforts of the TSA in the challenges it faces," says Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW International Airport, which has been hosting the nation's largest meeting

of airport executives post 9/11. "Nobody cares about airport security more than the men and women who run America's airports. And I think the survey results indicate airport directors want security that is done right the first time with a set of procedures we can all support. DFW is working very closely with the TSA on a number of key issues and we look forward to further assisting in these crucial issues."

Airport security was definitely on the minds of most attendees, with 63 percent indicating that the most important issues facing airports today are the new security initiatives.

The airport executives evidently feel that airports and airlines are meeting the current challenges of security, only 31 percent of the respondents listed "increased security" as their top concern when they themselves are traveling. The latest survey results by DFW Airport compare favorably with a customer satisfaction survey conducted by the Airport two weeks ago. A survey of 300 airline passengers revealed that 91 percent said they believe airport security has improved since 9/11 and 85 percent feel that airline security has improved.

"It's evident to our travelers that airport security is much better now than it's ever been and we believe it will continue to improve as the TSA rolls out its initiatives across the country," says Fegan.

The survey also indicates that airport executives anticipate air travel will reach 91 percent of pre-9/11 levels by the end of this year. However, 77 percent of the executives surveyed said they think summer air travel will be less than last year's level.

Airport directors also believe improved customer service, lower cost and easier travel are keys to bringing travelers back to the skies for the all-important summer travel season. While 31 percent said increased security is the number one concern of passengers, 26 percent believe cost of travel is the top factor, 23 percent cited ease of travel and 20 percent said customer service is the primary issue.

DFW Airport Market Research conducted the survey at the AAAE Conference on Monday, May 20. All participants of the survey were registered for the AAAE Conference and were employees of an airport. The research captured the responses of 177 participants. Based on an estimated population of 3,000 conference attendees and distribution of responses, this study will have a margin of error of plus or minus 7 percent with a 95 percent confidence level.

The entire results of the survey are available at
<http://www.dfwairport.com>

About DFW International Airport

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