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**NEWLY EXPANDED RUNWAY 18-L OPENS FOR
BUSINESS TODAY AT DFW**

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FIRST COMPLETED RUNWAY EXTENSION IN U.S. POST
SEPTEMBER 11 WILL EXPAND INTERNATIONAL
SERVICE, IMPROVE AIRCRAFT SAFETY AND
EFFICIENCY

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (August 8, 2002) - Two months ahead of schedule and more than two million dollars under budget, DFW's newly extended Runway 18-L at DFW Airport opened for business today. The new runway section paves the way for expanded international service, and increased aircraft safety and operational efficiency.

The runway has been extended by 2,012 feet, providing balanced airfield capability by allowing new heavier, wide-body jets to depart from either side of the airfield for Asia-Pacific destinations.

"18-L will certainly be valuable to international carriers looking to fly non-stop between DFW and points in the Pacific Rim," says Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW. "DFW's Asian cargo and passenger traffic continues to be a highlight of our post September 11 recovery, and 18-L will support continued expansion in this key business area."

Construction on Runway 18-L began October 9, 2000 and was scheduled to be completed on October 5, 2002. The project was completed almost two months early and \$2.7 million under its \$47 million budget.

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"DFW International Airport is our region's largest economic engine and this is an important addition to the Airport's infrastructure," says Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr. "The DFW Airport staff should be commended for completing this project under budget and ahead of schedule."

The project will also further DFW's goal of reducing delays to aircraft operations and increase its overall aircraft operation capability. Another significant part of this project is the completion of the Northwest Holding Apron. Holding aprons allow departing aircraft to line up for departure away from congested airfield intersections, improving aircraft safety and efficiency.

"DFW is to be applauded for its foresight and attention to safety in the completion of this project," says Dallas Mayor Laura Miller. "DFW continues to be a positive for the Metroplex in the challenging times of post September 11. This project benefits DFW's passengers, its airlines and the safety of the entire community."

Even though the federally-ordered shutdown of all U.S. airports on September 11 caused a short delay in the project, construction crews made up time with additional manpower and longer hours. The Airport also saved money and enhanced its use of its recycling program by recycling almost 25,000 cubic yards of remediated soil and using more than 50,000 tons of crushed concrete removed from other Airport projects. The amount of concrete placed on this project could build a sidewalk from DFW Airport to Brownsville, Texas.

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Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, offering nearly 2000 flights per day and serving 55 million passengers a year. DFW International Airport provides non-stop service to 130 domestic and 30 international destinations worldwide. For the latest news, real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at DFW International Airport, log on to www.dfwairport.com. To arrange interviews contact DFW Public Affairs at 972 574 NEWS (6397) or Ken Capps, APR, Vice President Public Affairs, at kcapps@dfwairport.com.

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