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DFW International Airport Responds to Inaccurate and Misleading Reporting (Part 2)

DFW International Airport, TX (September 24, 2008) - DFW International Airport has been the subject of a very inaccurate, distorted and misleading series of reports on the part of a local television station, which is apparently interested solely in painting a demeaning and unflattering portrait of the Airport's executive team and Board members rather than presenting the facts fairly and in their proper context.

DFW's owner cities and its Board of Directors have tasked the Airport's management team and its Air Service Development team with bringing in new airline service by traveling to all parts of the globe, for the ultimate benefit of the North Texas economy. DFW staff members achieve these goals while adhering to DFW policies on travel.

Over the years, the Airport has succeeded in growing its business profile to staggering proportions, and it is now unquestionably recognized as the major driver for the North Texas economy.

None of the cases raised in the reports violated DFW policy in any way. And none of the travel or activities in DFW's marketing budget, or in any of DFW's day-to-day expenses, are funded by taxpayers or by federal, state or local tax dollars. DFW daily expenses such as travel and salaries are completely funded by the Airport's own revenues.

The remainder of this document directly quotes some of the most glaring myths, half-truths or misleading statements presented in the second broadcast report and answers with the facts.

	MYTH:	FACT:
1	Last night, we showed you how some highly paid executives at DFW Airport were spending your money on lavish travel around the world.	FACT: DFW is a business – not a bureaucracy - that collects revenues, like any retail store or service provider. Any revenues collected by the Airport belong to the Airport and pay for the operation of the Airport. Absolutely no local, state or federal tax dollars are used to pay for any DFW operating expenses, including travel.
2	Tonight, we reveal how a well-known DFW Board member enjoyed a first class trip to an exotic destination overseas,	FACT: The Mayor went on a trade mission and business trip on behalf of the citizens of North Texas, in order to develop airline and business ties with interests in Dubai. Dubai is aggressively expanding investment in the U.S. economy and the Mayor's mission was to ensure that DFW and North Texas are at the top of the list of consideration



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		for those investments. The first class ticket was purchased in accordance with DFW's travel policy.
3	...And you paid for it.	FACT: Absolutely no tax dollars are used to pay for any DFW operating expenses, including travel.
4	[Reporter/live on camera:] Doug, it is up, up and away with your money, especially if you are on the board of directors at DFW Airport.	FACT: Absolutely no tax dollars are used to pay for any DFW operating expenses, including travel.
5	In a time when every penny matters, even the people who set policy at DFW seem to live high on the hog with your wallet.	FACT: Absolutely no tax dollars are used to pay for any DFW operating expenses, including travel.
6	Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief is one of the most recognizable faces in North Texas. But how many people know him in Dubai? Well, you paid for his first-class airline ticket to the resort destination in the United Arab Emirates in March.	FACT: Absolutely no tax dollars are used to pay for any DFW operating expenses, including travel.
7	And, you paid for his unarmed bodyguard's trip as well.	FACT: Absolutely no tax dollars are used to pay for any DFW operating expenses, including travel.
8	The purpose was to drum up new airline business. Moncrief's first class seat cost you ten-thousand dollars...	FACT: Absolutely no tax dollars are used to pay for any DFW operating expenses, including travel. If the outreach to Dubai comes to fruition, new business from Dubai will mean hundreds of millions of dollars in impact for the North Texas economy.
9	...and you paid another eight-grand for his unarmed bodyguard to fly in business class.	FACT: Absolutely no tax dollars are used to pay for any DFW operating expenses, including travel.
10	It turns out Moncrief's bodyguard wasn't even sitting next to the mayor on his 15-hour flight from Dallas to Dubai. CBS-11 pulled the seat map. While the Mayor enjoyed his first-class seat on the second level of a 747, the bodyguard sat downstairs in business class, not even within eyesight of the mayor, and unable to protect him.	FACT: Fort Worth mayors are traditionally accompanied by an aide or staff member on city business overseas. Because all passengers are screened prior to boarding an aircraft, and because of the usual presence of air marshals on board international flights, there is typically no need for direct escort aboard the aircraft. The primary function of the security detail is for protection of the Mayor on the ground, in this case a foreign country.
11	According to expense reports, you paid about six thousand dollars for Moncrief and his bodyguard to stay at fine hotels, including 2-nights at the Shangri-La Hotel, located on a stretch of private beach overlooking the ocean.	FACT: Absolutely no tax dollars are used to pay for any DFW operating expenses, including travel.
12	"Mayor Moncrief should be ashamed of himself."	FACT: Mr. Sullivan's colorful characterizations aside, the



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	<p>Michael Q. Sullivan is president of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, a consumer watchdog group in Austin. "It signals that being on the board is a great way to have a expense-paid vacations."</p>	<p>Mayor is not ashamed to take a business trip on behalf of his constituents in order to win new trade and tourism for North Texas. And as stated previously, the trip was in no way a vacation but a mission to meet with airline and trade officials to further international trade in the North Texas area. The Mayor is proud of his and DFW's efforts to vigorously grow the airport and the local economy.</p>
13	<p>Now tomorrow night at ten, more perks at DFW. Who is making more than a hundred grand a year? We will reveal the names and the other ways executives pamper themselves with your cash.</p>	<p>FACT: Absolutely no tax dollars are used to pay for any DFW operating expenses, including travel, salaries and benefits.</p>

About DFW International Airport

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, offering nearly 1,900 flights per day and serving 57 million passengers a year. DFW has been named "Best Airport for Customer Service in North America" by an Airports Council International survey of passengers in 2006 and 2007. DFW International Airport provides non-stop service to 135 domestic and 37 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.

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