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Ocean Gate General Contractors

The City of Stuart Chooses a Local Contractor

Stuart, FL - The City of Stuart Commissioners awarded a contract to Ocean Gate General Contractors, Inc. in a project that will upgrade the city's Wastewater Treatment Facility Odor Control. The scope of work will include new construction of six pre-engineered metal building structures with chemical-resistant coatings and related odor-control equipment systems. The structures will cover the exposed components of the waste water treatment facility, including the three large digester tanks, a chlorine contact basin, and the headwork's and blower buildings. Odor control systems with boilers will "scrub" the odors from the air.

This work will be phased, and site logistics will be key in not disturbing the daily operations of the facility.

Ocean Gate General Contractors, Inc. was selected because of the effort the firm invested in understanding the special requirements of a sensitive project. The facility will continue with full operations during construction.

Banyan Air Service

Banyan Participates in Bahamas Gateway FBO Seminar

Fort Lauderdale, FL - Recently several Banyan teammates participated in a Bahamas Gateway FBO Seminar hosted by The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism – Aviation Division (BMOTA).

"We appreciate Greg Rolle and Leonard Stuart of the BMOTA, for arranging this seminar. It provides our teammates with exciting information that we can share with our customers about flying to the islands and all the wonderful activities available to them," said Ms. Nancy Bouvier, Banyan's director of marketing.

Leonard Stuart, Donna Munroe, Jeannie Gibson, Earl Miller, and Leah Donawa represented the Bahamas at this seminar.

BMOTA's aviation specialist, Mr. Leonard Stuart, presented detailed information on flying to the Bahamas, including Bahamian airports of entry, U.S. Customs facilities, required documentation, and BMOTA group fly-ins.

Bahamas Ministry of Tourism's general manager of vertical markets, Mr. Earl Miller, presented information on boating, fishing and diving, ports of entry for boaters, entry procedures for boaters, fishing tournaments, and regattas. In addition, he talked about the boating flings which are organized groups of boaters lead by a pilot boat and captain to various island destinations.

Ms. Leah Donawa wrapped up the seminar with a traditional Bahamian meal of peas and rice, fried grouper fingers, rosemary chicken, and other dishes.

"The seminar is wonderful. All the speakers are experts in their field and their enthusiasm is contagious. They definitely create a Bahamas experience when presenting. I can almost hear and feel the vibrations of a Junkanoo band, feel the sand on my toes, and taste that delicious conch salad," said Ms. Bouvier.

Customer Appreciation Day Draws Crowd

Recently, Hangar63 (Banyan's Aviation Store) and TropicAero.com hosted their annual customer appreciation day. Over 360 people attended the event and participated in the day's activities that took place at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport.

Several vendors added to the excitement of the day: Charlie and Donna Rogers from Survival Products Inc. demonstrated inflating a safety raft; Gene Greene from Telex was on-site to promote the new Ascend headset; Mark Claprod from Bose promoted the Bose Aviation X Headsets; and Ed Morris represented the ACR product line. In addition, Premier Aircraft Sales had a Mooney and a Diamond DA40 on static display along with Cessna's 208 Caravan and a Corvalis.

Several other organizations attended, including, Angel Flight, Fort Lauderdale Flight Training, and the Florida Aero Club. Many attendees won drawings for prizes donated by the key event sponsors: Garmin, Bose, Avfuel, ACR Electronics, Oakley, and Telex.

“We have been coming to the customer appreciation day for the last 3 years. This year the event has grown to include more activities for the kids making this a great event for the whole family,” said Captain John and Eloise Ruby.

Chuck Speakman, Manager of Hangar63 and TropicAero.com organized this year’s event and in addition to the activities added a bounce house, clown, face painting, basketball game, and cotton candy for the children to enjoy.

“We were very pleased with the turnout, and we are very grateful to all of our loyal customers and vendors who support us year-round. Without great customers and great vendors, events such as this would simply not be possible,” said Speakman.

Jacksonville Aviation Authority

New Law Should Help Cecil Field and other Florida Airports Attract Aviation-Related Businesses and High-Paying Jobs

JACKSONVILLE, May 21, 2009 – New legislation (HB143) recently signed into law by Gov. Charlie Crist is expected to make airports such as Cecil Field more competitive in landing aviation manufacturing and assembly businesses, said Jacksonville Aviation Authority Executive Director and CEO Steve Grossman.

The new law exempts aviation/aerospace hangars from concurrency costs. Since competing states in the Southeast do not have such expensive requirements, this new law allows Cecil Field to better compete for aviation/aerospace economic development projects.

“By lowering the overall development costs, Jacksonville’s aviation facilities are now more attractive to potential aviation manufacturers,” Grossman said.

Over the past decade, JAA has transformed Cecil Field from a Navy airbase into a thriving commercial center of aviation-related business activity. All of Cecil Field’s existing structures inherited from the Navy have been leased out to current tenants including Flightstar, Boeing, Jet Turbine Service, U.S. Coast Guard, Florida Army National Guard, Jacksonville Jetport, Florida Community College at Jacksonville, Logistic Services International, L3 Communications, Fleet Readiness Center-Southeast and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

A new 21,000-square-foot aircraft hangar, and a soon to be completed 76,000-square-foot aircraft painting and maintenance hangar, are expected to bring more jobs and aviation related business to Jacksonville.

With easy access to air and rail connections and a deepwater port, Cecil Field’s facilities are ideally suited for aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) operations and a variety of aviation-related industrial and commercial development.

Cecil Field assets include four runways with full length parallel taxiways, 40 major buildings totaling 1.5 million square feet including hangar, warehouse, industrial and general-use space, and 537,000 square yards of aircraft parking apron.

JAX Travelers Get a Taste of Jacksonville Jazz Fest

Local Musicians and Artists Will Share Talents with Air Travelers Next Week

JACKSONVILLE, FL. May 21, 2010– In support of the 2010 Jacksonville Jazz Festival, live musical performances and visual art displays will be featured in the center courtyard of Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) next week.

“Jacksonville’s annual Jazz Fest highlights two valued components of the Jacksonville community; music and art,” said Jacksonville Aviation Authority’s Director of External Affairs Michael Stewart. “We are

proud to show our support for this event and provide an opportunity for local talent to showcase their work to our customers.”

Beginning Monday, May 24, through Sunday, May 30, live musical performances will take place at the airport. Featured performers include Class Act, PM Experience, Robbie Eccles, Aaron Bing, The Mike Bernos Band and Roger Glover, the “River City Music Man.”

Wednesday, May 26, and Thursday, May, 27 from 9:30 am - 5 pm, air travelers will also have the pleasure of viewing pieces from Jacksonville based photographer Mary Atwood, local fine artist and graphic designer Keith Doles, mutli-disciplinary artist Jenny Henley and local painter Tayloe White.

“All four featured artists have pieces displayed at some of the most popular galleries in Jacksonville,” said Cabeth Cornelius, Program Coordinator for the JIA Arts Commission. “It’s a pleasure to host these gifted members of the Jacksonville art scene.”

The 2010 Jacksonville Jazz Festival takes place Friday, May 28, through Sunday, May 30, in downtown Jacksonville. Attendees will enjoy wine tastings, art exhibits, jazz and talent competitions in addition to free performances from popular musicians including musical legend Patti Labelle. For more information about the Jazz Festival, visit www.jaxjazzfest.com.