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J.D. Nichols Named 2006 Air Carrier Airport Board Member of the Year

Louisville KY (September 18, 2006) J.D. Nichols, Chairman of the Louisville Regional Airport Authority (LRAA) Board, was recently named 2006 Air Carrier Airport Board Member of the Year by the Kentucky Department of Aviation.

His nominator, Skip Miller, Executive Director of the LRAA, cited Mr. Nichols' vision and advocacy in 1987, when his leadership inspired a feasibility study of parallel runways to attract additional passenger service and retain cargo operations at Louisville International Airport (SDF).

Miller further noted, "Since being appointed Chairman in January 2004, J.D. Nichols has used his business and finance expertise to help guide the \$26 million terminal renovation and West Runway Extension projects. Under Mr. Nichols' leadership, the Authority is now taking new steps to accommodate current airport growth needs, and secure the community's economic future, by putting infrastructure in place to retain and attract aviation-related companies and jobs."

The airfield improvements are being designed to support the recently announced acquisition by UPS of the A-380 and 747-400 aircraft and the \$1 billion expansion of Worldport SM (the centerpiece of the UPS global air distribution network) that will create more than 5,000 additional jobs for the Commonwealth.

Nichols, an airport board member since 1991, is Chairman of NTS Corporation, its subsidiaries and affiliates. He was inducted into the Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame in 1989, has served on the Governor's Council on Economic Development, the Board of Directors of both Actors Theater of Louisville and Kentucky Opera, and several other community organizations. He is currently a director and past member of the Executive Committee of Greater Louisville, Inc.

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