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Enhancements to Louisville International Airport Terminal

Louisville, KY (November 20, 2015) – The Louisville Regional Airport Authority is investing more than \$9.5 million in aesthetic improvements to the Louisville International Airport’s passenger terminal. As the gateway to Louisville for many visitors, the enhancements were recommended by community visioning groups who met for over a year to find ways to enhance travelers’ experiences and create a stronger community presence.

In addition, the Airport Authority’s Board of Directors recently approved two concession agreements which, as part of their concepts, reflect local businesses, brands or culture as recommended by the visioning groups.

Terminal Enhancement Project

To varying degrees, the majority of the terminal’s 185,000 square feet of “public space” will be renovated and refurbished.

Minneapolis-based Alliance Consulting and Design worked closely with the community visioning groups to formulate the two-part theme of the project – *distilling great experiences* and *setting a higher standard*.

“Thanks to the insights of these community visioning groups, visitors will know they are in Louisville,” said Skip Miller, Executive Director of the Airport Authority.

The renovations will begin in January 2016 with work completed by fall 2016. (Completion date revised in March 2016).

Major elements include:

- Installing new terrazzo flooring and new carpeting
- Painting the interior
- Improving the area along the moving sidewalk connector from landside to airside
- Replacing the four core escalators connecting the lower-level baggage claim area to the upper-level departure and ticketing areas
- Installing new art and graphics

New Food-and-Beverage and News-and-Gift Concessions

In addition, the Airport Authority Board recently approved agreements with HMSHost International, Inc. of Bethesda, MD for the food-and-beverage concessions and Paradies-Louisville II, LLC of Atlanta, GA for its gift-and-news services. Work on the new food-and-beverage and gift-and-news outlets will begin in February 2016 and completed by fall 2016. (Completion date revised in March 2016).

"We are excited to be a part of the terminal enhancements at Louisville International Airport and we're looking forward to creating a memorable, locally-inspired dining experience for travelers," said HMSHost Vice President of Business Development Michael Price. "We are proud to have some great Louisville restaurant brands as partners including KFC, Coals Artisan Pizza, and The Comfy Cow. We're also happy to be bringing the refined offerings of Starbucks Evenings to Louisville travelers."

Under the agreement, HMSHost will invest more than \$6 million in improvements. The airport will be only the fourth airport in the country to offer Starbucks Evenings, following in the footsteps of Washington, D.C.'s Dulles (IAD), New York's JFK and Los Angeles' LAX. In addition to the standard fare, Starbucks Evenings will offer wine, craft beer, salads, sandwiches, appetizers and breakfast sandwiches.

Other food-and-beverage concepts include the Book & Bourbon Southern Kitchen, Smashburger, KFC and the Bourbon Academy Tasting Room. Each concourse also will have locally-sourced, Kentucky Proud items at one of two grab-and-go stations, The Local Rustic Market and the Farmers Market.

As part of its retail plan, gift-and-news concessionaire, Paradies-Louisville II, LLC will invest more than \$2.3 million in its retail outlets—including the *TODAY*-branded store—the first of its kind in any airport in the country.

Other new retailers included in the agreement with Paradies' include the *WAVE3* – NBC Travel Store, the Distillery District Marketplace, the Kentucky Bourbon Trail and the Winner's Circle— all providing plenty of gifts, souvenirs and Kentucky-centric items. The airport's current retailers – Brighton, Churchill Downs, CNBC News Express, Finish Line and Louisville Slugger—will be upgraded as part of the agreement.

For more information, visit www.FlyLouisville.com and please see page 3 of this release for a complete list of the concessions and their airport locations

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Landside Terminal		
<i>Existing</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Concession</i>
<i>Heine Brothers To Go</i>	Winner's Circle	G&N
<i>Woodford Reserve Grill</i>	Book & Bourbon Southern Kitchen	F&B
<i>Starbucks</i>	The Comfy Cow	F&B
<i>Burger King / KFC Express</i>	KFC / Starbucks	F&B
<i>New York Times Books and News</i>	TODAY	G&N
<i>Louisville Slugger</i>	Louisville Slugger	G&N
<i>Churchill Downs</i>	Churchill Downs	G&N
<i>PGA Tour Shop</i>	Brooks Brothers	G&N
<i>Churchill Downs / PGA Tour Shop</i>	Kentucky Bourbon Trail	G&N
Airside Terminal		
<i>Existing</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Concession</i>
<i>Stars of Louisville</i>	Coals Artisan Pizza	F&B
<i>Quiznos</i>	Smashburger	F&B
<i>Chili's Too</i>	Chili's Bar & Grill	F&B
<i>Starbucks</i>	Starbucks Evenings	F&B
<i>The Bourbon Loft</i>	Bourbon Academy Tasting Room	F&B
<i>LaTapenade</i>	The Local Rustic Market	F&B
<i>LaTapenade</i>	Farmers Market	F&B
<i>Experience Kentucky</i>	Distillery District Marketplace	G&N
<i>Brighton Collectibles</i>	Brighton	G&N
<i>Finish Line News</i>	Finish Line	G&N
<i>CNBC News</i>	WAVE3 - NBC Travel Store	G&N
<i>CNBC News Express</i>	CNBC News Express	G&N
Food-and-Beverage (F&B) HMSHost Gift-and-News (G&N) Paradies		