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Hardin Construction Leads Major Design-Build Project To Modernize Tampa International Airport Terminal

TAMPA, FL (October 21, 2011) — Hardin Construction Company is the lead contractor for a \$20 million design-build project to give Tampa International Airport's main terminal its first comprehensive makeover in decades.

From updated flooring and modernized restrooms to redesigned administrative spaces and new features such as customer outreach centers and a USO facility, renovation of the 40-year-old terminal building is intended to improve the facility's efficiency, aesthetics, customer experience, and community involvement.

Hardin Construction is teaming with Gresham Smith and Partners, a multidisciplinary design and consulting firm for the built environment. The two companies worked together recently on a \$20 million overhaul of the airport's baggage area.

"This is a milestone project for Tampa International Airport, and Hardin Construction is pleased to have earned the opportunity to assist the aviation authority in making a bold statement about the airport's commitment to customer service and community involvement," said Hardin Senior Vice President Page McKee, General Manager of the company's Tampa office.

Enhancing the customer experience

Past renovations of the three-level terminal building were typically carried out one level at a time, according to airport officials. This facelift seeks to ensure that a common theme and ambiance is achieved at once throughout the entire facility.

The modernization will encompass more efficient use of passenger waiting areas; upgraded aviation authority business offices and meeting space; new furniture and fixtures, upgraded signage and lighting; improvements to the chapel; modernized elevators; refurbished restrooms outfitted with fixtures that use hands-free technology; and the replacement of carpet with new flooring materials that are both durable and aesthetically appealing.

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Overall, the makeover will give the terminal a gleaming, high-end, modern look and feel that is open and relaxing. Officials also wanted the renovation to bring greater community involvement into the airport. The customer outreach centers will offer visitors behind-the-scenes glimpses of airport features and functions. The USO lounge at Tampa International Airport would become the organization's 61st center.

The terminal building will remain fully operational throughout construction, with crews performing much work during evening hours to ensure minimal impact on customers and airport tenants.

The project will be completed in phases. Designing and planning will continue through December, with construction to begin in early 2012. Phase 1 of the project will be completed before Tampa hosts the Republican National Convention, August 27-30, 2012. Completion date for the entire project is scheduled for summer 2013.

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