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CHINA'S GREAT WALL LANDS IN CHICAGO

O'Hare Welcomes New Air Cargo Service from Shanghai

CHICAGO – Great Wall Airlines will begin new air cargo service at O'Hare International Airport with an inaugural flight set to arrive in Chicago on Sunday, June 1. The Chicago to Shanghai flight via Seattle and Seoul will depart O'Hare three times weekly using a Boeing 747-400 freighter aircraft, with increased frequencies expected later this year.

"This new service with Great Wall Airlines establishes another important connection between Chicago and Asia," said Aviation Commissioner Richard L. Rodriguez. "By expanding O'Hare's air cargo and freight forwarding services, we are creating opportunities for Chicago's companies and workforce to expand and grow within the global marketplace."

Great Wall Airlines is based at Shanghai Pudong International Airport. In June 2006, Great Wall Airlines launched its inaugural flight between Shanghai and Amsterdam and is now one of the largest cargo service providers between China and Europe. Its network covers Shanghai, Tianjin, Amsterdam, Manchester, Dubai, Seoul, Seattle and Chicago.

The Chicago Airport System is a leader in moving cargo across the country and around the world. Last year, O'Hare handled more than 1.7 million tons of air cargo and was the second busiest cargo airport by value in the United States and the 17th busiest cargo airport by weight in the world. O'Hare serves 23 of the top 25 air cargo airlines across the globe.

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The Chicago Airport System is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Airport System.

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