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CDA Concessions Open House Draws Business Owners Interested in Airport Concessions



Today the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) hosted a Concessions Open House at the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive. Over 180 business owners, retailers, service providers, suppliers, MBE/WBE firms and assist agencies participated in the event at the beautiful and spacious Cultural Center. The attendees took time to network and

learn about the concessions opportunities and process at Chicago's airports.



CDA officials provided information and answered questions about the different phases of the application and qualification process for the CDA Concessions Program. Speakers included Jorge Perez, CDA Deputy Commissioner of Concessions; Alfredo Camarena, Projects Administrator for the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection; and Reshma Soni, Senior Compliance Officer for the City of Chicago Office of Compliance. Diana Miller, Project Manager for Unison Retail Management, was also a presenter.

The Concessions Open House attendees also had an opportunity to meet with the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC), as well as HMS Host and MAC-ONE, which are CDA's Master Concessionaires.

CDA staff distributed informational packets that included an overview of the concessions program, facts on upcoming Requests For Proposals (RFPs) and resource information about the concessions program and how to become certified to do business with the City of Chicago.

Presentation materials from the Concessions Open House are available online at: www.flychicago.com/BusinessInformation

In an ongoing effort to provide information to companies interested in concessions at Chicago's airports, a "Concessions 101" workshop will be held in conjunction with Chicago Office of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection.

The workshop date is Wednesday, August 18, 2010 from 2- 4 p.m.
The location will be the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection at 121 N. LaSalle St., Room 805.

The CDA Concessions Office will provide an overview of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, discuss the operations aspect of having a business at one of the airports, and explain Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) certification.

The workshop is free. Please call (312) 744-5344 to reserve a seat, as space is limited.

For more information about this and other workshops, visit the Business Affairs and Consumer Protection page of the City of Chicago website at www.cityofchicago.org/businessaffairs

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) 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 Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportsgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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