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Qatar Airways Initiates Cargo Service from O'Hare International Airport

Last week, the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) welcomed new cargo service by Qatar Airways to O'Hare International Airport.

The new service operates on Thursday and Sunday from Chicago O'Hare to Qatar's hub of Doha, via Amsterdam. Qatar will fly a Boeing 777 aircraft on the route.

Chicago is Qatar's first dedicated cargo freighter destination in the United States. Qatar also operates passenger service to New York, Houston and Washington, D.C.

Currently, there are 34 passenger airlines at O'Hare that also carry cargo, and 14 cargo-only carriers, including Qatar.

Each cargo freighter landing at O'Hare International Airport represents approximately \$3 million in business to our local economy. O'Hare handles approximately 1.2 million tons of air cargo annually, representing over \$60 billion in trade and approximately 10 percent of air cargo value in the U.S.

O'Hare is a global leader in the movement of freight, mail, and goods. In 2009, O'Hare processed approximately 1.05 million tons of cargo, ranking number 7 in the U.S. and number 19 for air cargo tonnage according to Airports Council International (ACI).

Doha-based Qatar Airways provides cargo service to over 90 destinations across six continents. For more information on Qatar Airways, please visit www.qatarairwayscargo.com.

For more information on the CDA, please visit www.flychicago.com.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://www.oharemodernization.org) to learn more about the OMP.

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