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# CDA Web Alert

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## **Connect with O'Hare and Midway for Retail and Dining** *Concessions Opportunity*

The City of Chicago Department of Aviation invites the submission of proposals by qualified persons and businesses to develop and operate concessions at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and Midway International Airport. The Requests for Proposals ("RFPs") are comprised of multiple packages for retail, news and gift, coffee, and service concessions.

The City has established an Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("ACDBE") participation goal for these concessions, as well as other minimum qualifications including experience in developing and operating comparable retail businesses. The specific requirements of this solicitation are set forth in the RFP documents.

If you have a qualified background and are interested in this opportunity, you are invited to respond to a RFP. Interested parties may obtain copies of the RFPs at the CDA website, by going to:

<http://flychicago.com/BusinessInformation/DoingBusiness/ConcessionsOpportunities.aspx>.

If you would like additional information, send your inquiry to [concessions@flychicago.com](mailto:concessions@flychicago.com).

Proposals submitted in response to these RFPs will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. CST December 16, 2010.

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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.airportgoinggreen.org](http://www.airportgoinggreen.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Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration.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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