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Statement by Rosemarie S. Andolino regarding the January 12, OMP Contractor Open House

"We are pleased at the turnout for the first O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) contractor open house. The open house gave interested construction firms an opportunity to hear details and ask questions about the construction work associated with Phase One of the OMP.

Nearly 400 participants, representing more than 300 construction firms were on hand to hear details about the projects associated with Phase One of the OMP.

Phase One of the OMP involves \$2.9 billion in airfield improvements and includes:

- New Runway 9L-27R
- Runway 10L extension
- Relocated Runway 10C-28C
- Union Pacific Railroad Relocation
- South Airfield Detention Basin
- A number of enabling projects

Phase One work equals 65% of airfield work needed for the entire Program.

We are anticipating the receipt of the FAA's Record of Decision in September 2005 - nine short months away. The Record of Decision is essentially our building permit. Therefore, we need to have all of the contractors mobilized and ready to break ground immediately.

It is important to note that we intend to issue bid packages based on 100 percent detailed construction drawings in order to minimize the need for change orders that can waste time and money.

I encourage everyone to visit our website regularly, and sign up for our website alerts. You can do this by simply visiting www.ohare.com, and clicking on the O'Hare Modernization Program. In addition, you will be able to link directly to the Department of Procurement Services' website in order to find bid, contract and payment information.

I am anxious to begin construction on the OMP, and I look forward to finally breaking ground on this historic project."