



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner

CDA Web Alert

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O'Hare Recognized As Best Airport in North America

O'Hare International Airport has been awarded the 2009 Global Traveler Award for "Best Airport in North America". O'Hare was recognized by business travelers who participated in a Global Traveler Survey conducted between January and August 2009.

"On behalf of Mayor Richard M. Daley and the Chicago Department of Aviation, I want to thank Global Traveler magazine and its readers for presenting this prestigious honor to O'Hare International Airport," Commissioner Andolino said. "We are pleased to know that travelers appreciate our efforts to provide the highest level of service, technology, efficiency, sustainability and safety at one of the world's busiest airports.

O'Hare has won the "Best Airport in North America" award for several consecutive years (2005 to 2009, Global Traveler magazine; 1998 to 2004, Business Traveler magazine).

Global Traveler Magazine is a U.S.-based business travel and lifestyle magazine for the international business traveler. For more information on Global Traveler Magazine, visit www.globaltravelerusa.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 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.

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Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration.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