



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



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CDA Web Alert

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CDA to Participate in WBDC 24th Annual Entrepreneurial Women's Business Conference

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) will participate in the 24th Annual Entrepreneurial Women's Business Conference hosted by the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC). The event takes place on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at McCormick Place Convention Center.

The CDA will provide information to attendees on contracting opportunities and upcoming bid packages for O'Hare and Midway International Airports for 2010.

This event is the longest running business opportunities fair for women in the country, and is the premier event for women business owners in the Midwest.

The WBDC is nationally and internationally recognized for its programs and advocacy efforts. Since it was founded in 1986, the WBDC has grown from a two-person operation to a staff of 24 full-time employees and consultants, a roster of trainers, industry-specific advisory boards, and a Board of Directors comprised of Chicago women leaders.

Over the years, the WBDC has assisted more than 55,000 women in the greater Chicago area and helped to establish 14 additional women's business assistance centers in six states in the U.S. The organization continues to be recognized for programs and policies that impact women's economic development across the globe.

For more information about WBDC or the 24th Annual Entrepreneurial Women's Business Conference, visit: www.wbdc.org.

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 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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