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CHICAGO AVIATION COMMISSIONER NURIA I. FERNANDEZ ELECTED TO AIRPORTS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL- NORTH AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) welcomed Chicago Aviation Commissioner Nuria I. Fernandez to its Board of Directors during the ACI-NA 16th Annual Conference and Exhibition in Kansas City in October. Commissioner Fernandez was elected to a two-year term as a member of the Board.

Commissioner Fernandez maintains the most accessible and efficient transportation hub in the world, one that allows people to come together to share ideas, innovate, and create a direct, positive impact on the region and the world. Her leadership, vision and bold planning focus on using new technology, industry best practices and forward-thinking to bolster the Chicago Airport System's position as a world-class airport system.

Under her direction, the economic prosperity of the Chicago Airport System has flourished generating \$45 billion in economic activity and over 540,000 jobs for the region.

Additional 2008 Executive Committee members elected include Randall H. Walker, Director of Aviation for Clark County's Department of Aviation in Nevada, as Chairman of the Board of Directors; John D. Clark, III, Executive Director, Jacksonville Aviation Authority, as First Vice-Chairman; G. Hardy Acree, Director of Airports, Sacramento County Airport System, as Second Vice-Chairman; and Frank R. Miller, Airport Director, Pensacola Regional Airport, as Secretary-Treasurer. In addition, four airport leaders were elected to new terms as members of the Board.

ACI-NA is internationally recognized as "The Voice of Airports," backed by the strength of more than 180 airports and nearly 400 aviation-related businesses that comprise the Association.

The Chicago Airport System 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 Airport System.

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