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South Bend Regional Airport Expansion “Takes-Off”

The South Bend Regional Airport (SBRA) is “Growing Your Way” again. Plans are underway to expand Concourse ‘A’. The new 45,000 s.f. concourse expansion will include 5 new gates, dining room, lounge and gift shop and a children’s room. This much-needed renovation will also consolidate passenger screening operations to a single expanded location.

The expansion will extend from the east side of the Concourse ‘A’ Holding Room past the existing Concourse ‘C’ walkway, which will be demolished. An arching translucent panel roof will provide bright daylight and large windows share a clear view of ramp and runway operations. The Dining Room and Lounge will feature deli meals, snacks and drinks similar to the existing airport services as well as beverages and snacks already screened to take along on outbound flights. The Children’s Room will feature airport-themed toys and displays in a soft furnished room where parents can let children burn off some energy before boarding the plane. Construction is scheduled to begin in early spring 2009 and conclude in late 2010. Construction will take place in several phases to allow uninterrupted operation of all airport flights. The expansion design team collaborating with SBRA consists of: Ken Herceg & Associates, Inc., (architect and civil engineer); Primary Engineering, Inc., (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing engineer); and CE Solutions, Inc. (structural engineer).

About SBRA - South Bend Regional Airport is the only small airport in the United States featuring air, interstate rail and interstate bus services at one multi-modal terminal location. The SBRA’s economic impact is more than \$410 million per year and growing and is second only to Indianapolis International Airport in total passenger traffic. Passengers can fly non-stop from South Bend to ten different locations: Atlanta, GA; Chicago (O’Hare), IL; Cleveland, OH; Clearwater-St. Petersburg, FL; Cincinnati, OH; Detroit, MI; Indianapolis, IN; Las Vegas, NV; Minneapolis, MN; and Orlando-Sanford, FL.