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Hartsfield-Jackson Remains Busiest Airport in the World for 16th Consecutive Year

Airport Council International's passenger results for 2013 released this week

ATLANTA – For the 16th year in a row, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport has been named the busiest airport in the world, according to the 2013 passenger results released this week by Airport Council International (ACI). In 2013, 94.4 million passengers passed through Hartsfield-Jackson, with more than 911,000 landings and takeoffs. There was a 4.1 percent increase in international passenger traffic over the same time period.

“I am proud of the team at Hartsfield-Jackson and their continued demonstrated expertise in running the most successful passenger airport in the world,” said Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed. “Thanks to the strong partnership with Delta Air Lines and all of our valued airline partners, Atlanta’s airport is well-positioned to continue growing passenger traffic and expanding new routes for travelers. As the leading passenger airport in the world, we are also developing our cargo program, which will enhance our position as a center for logistics globally.”

This month, Emirates SkyCargo will begin weekly service to Hartsfield-Jackson as the 11th cargo carrier with service to Atlanta. Hartsfield-Jackson ranks 10th in volume of cargo transported among North American airports, transporting freight to six continents. Hartsfield-Jackson’s cargo program provides 35,000 direct and indirect jobs in Georgia; approximately \$3.7 billion of goods originating from Georgia are transported internationally through the Airport.

“While being recognized as the world’s busiest airport is a great testament to our operations and efficiency, the volume of passengers we process also enables Hartsfield-Jackson to be the top economic generator for the state of Georgia and metro Atlanta,” said Hartsfield-Jackson Interim General Manager Miguel Southwell. “We’re proud that Hartsfield-Jackson supports more than 58,000 employees and has an economic impact of \$68.3 billion a year on the state.”

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world’s busiest airport, serving more than 94.4 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$32.5 billion in metro Atlanta and \$68.3 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 58,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of

excellence for concessions, operations, architectural engineering and construction – including the 2013 Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society, 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine. ATL has completed more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, including a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED-certified international terminal and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com. Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield, follow us on Twitter (@Atlanta_Airport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).