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Mayor Kasim Reed to Unveil Renovated USO Facility

New facility to honor military members' service and provide leisure activities

ATLANTA – Mayor Kasim Reed, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport officials, and USO dignitaries will cut the ribbon on the airport's renovated USO facility at a ceremony Tuesday morning.

Just over a year ago, Mayor Reed and Aviation General Manager Miguel Southwell vowed to create a facility for members of the U.S. Armed Forces that would rival airline clubs located throughout the airport.

In a celebration marking the renovation, Mayor Reed and Miguel Southwell will be joined by USO staffers and volunteers along with members of the military. Media are invited to record the ceremony and then tour the upgraded hospitality location.

The upgrades to the 32-hundred square-foot facility include a food and beverage hospitality suite, a Skype-only dedicated computer for video conferencing, ample electrical outlets, and furniture upgrades on par with airline clubs throughout the airport.

WHO:

Mayor Kasim Reed

Miguel Southwell, Aviation General Manager

Mary Lou Austin, CEO USO Georgia

Glen Welling, Vice President, Operation USO, Inc.

WHAT:

Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Airport USO Facility

WHEN:

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

11:30 a.m. (media encouraged to arrive at 11:15)

WHERE:

USO Center

3rd Floor Atrium – Domestic Terminal, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, 6000 North Terminal Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30320

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 96.1 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 \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 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).

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