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Hartsfield-Jackson Wins Global Efficiency Excellence Award for 11th Year

Air Transport Research Society awards Hartsfield-Jackson as the global leader in efficiency out of 200 airports

ATLANTA – For the 11th year, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport has won the Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society (ATRS). Over the weekend, ATRS released the results of its annual benchmarking study of commercial airports in Europe, Asia and the Pacific, and North America. Based on a rigorous analysis of airport cost and revenue data, the ATRS benchmarking study assessed the productivity and efficiency of nearly 200 airports across the world.

"This recognition is another example of our commitment to making Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport the best in the world," said Mayor Kasim Reed. "For the 11th time in 12 years, the world's busiest passenger airport has again been acknowledged as the world's most efficient. The 58,000 women and men who work on the Hartsfield-Jackson campus are committed to making it even better every single day."

"It is with great pride that our airport has once again been designated as the most efficient airport in the world," said Hartsfield-Jackson Assistant General Manager Balram "B" Bheodari. "This award stands as a testament to our unwavering dedication to operational and managerial efficiency and cost competitiveness. I am grateful to ATRS for recognizing our continued efforts for the 11th year in a row."

ATRS, the world's leading academic society in the air transportation field, measures and compares the operating/managerial efficiency, cost competitiveness, financial performance and airport user charges for 200 airports and 26 airport groups in Canada, USA, Europe, Asia and Oceania. The ATRS Global Airport Benchmarking Task Force includes 15 leading professors/researchers from Asia, Europe, North America, Middle East and Australia. The ATRS Global Airport Performance Benchmarking Project has been formed and led by Professor Tae Hoon Oum of the Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia, and Chairman of ATRS.

"This airport benchmarking report provides a comprehensive and unbiased evaluation of airport performance around the world," said Oum. "With increasing competition in airport transport markets worldwide, these rankings are helpful not only to the airport and airlines, but also to governments, consultants, regulatory commissions, institutional investors, researchers and graduate students."

For more information on the Air Transport Research Society and the Global Efficiency Excellence Award, please visit www.atrsworld.org/airportawards.html.

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient 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).