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## **Hartsfield-Jackson to Celebrate Air Cargo Leaders**

*Cargo carriers to be honored for achievements in growth, business development*

**ATLANTA** – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials will host the annual ATL Cargo Awards celebration Wednesday, May 4. The luncheon honors businesses and leaders for their achievements in air cargo, welcomes new cargo carriers to ATL, and features a look at burgeoning cargo opportunities at ATL.

The world's most traveled airport, Hartsfield-Jackson made history last year as the first airport ever to serve more than 100 million passengers in a single year. Cargo traffic at ATL experienced substantial growth with a 4 percent increase in freight tonnage in 2015 over 2014 totals. 2015 also saw ATL transport its largest piece of cargo ever when a 200-ton power turbine was flown from Hartsfield-Jackson to Argentina.

Airport officials will discuss the importance of ATL cargo development as an economic driver for the region along with plans to increase such development.

**WHO:** Michael Smith, ATL senior deputy general manager  
Vivica Brown, ATL assistant general manager for commercial development

**WHAT:** ATL's annual Cargo Awards luncheon

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 4, 2016  
11 a.m. to noon – Exhibit hall displays  
11:30 a.m. to noon – Press availability  
Noon to 2 p.m. – Lunch, awards ceremony

**WHERE:** Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport  
North Cargo Building  
3400 Inner Loop Road  
Suite A  
Hapeville, GA 30354

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**Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's most traveled and most efficient airport, serving more than 101 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](http://www.atlanta-airport.com). Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting [www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield](http://www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield), follow us on Twitter (@ATLairport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).

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