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Governor Patrick Proclaims October as General Aviation Month

Massachusetts Airports: \$12 Billion Economic Impact

BOSTON- Tuesday, October 8, 2013- Governor Deval Patrick has proclaimed October as “General Aviation Month” in honoring the Commonwealth’s 39 public use airports, including Boston Logan International Airport. A Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study found that public use airports support 124,000 direct and indirect jobs and generate a total economic output of nearly \$12 billion annually.

“Our public use airports are economic engines, supporting business, manufacturing, and tourism,” said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Richard A. Davey. “In addition, airports serve the military and support response to emergencies and natural disasters.”

“MassDOT and our Board of Directors are continuing to support and invest in the general aviation system, including a statewide terminal building program and runway improvements,” said Christopher Willenborg, MassDOT Aeronautics Division Administrator. “We are also preparing to update the 2011 Airport Economic Impact Study to further confirm the vital role aviation plays in providing safe transportation.”

The 2011 study completed by MassDOT Aeronautics Division with the assistance of the Federal Aviation Administration measured the total \$12 billion in economic impact of the 39 public-use airports, which reflects commercial airline service, military aviation, emergency law enforcement and medical transport activity and general aviation.

The Massachusetts aviation industry includes 22 aircraft charter companies, 58 aircraft maintenance facilities, 12 flight schools, and 41 fixed-based operators.

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