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Huntsville International Now Offering Passengers Expanded Concessions

*Partnering with Memphis-based AirHost, Huntsville
welcomes new food vendors to airport venues*

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., May 13, 2008 – Huntsville International Airport and Memphis-based AirHost, Inc. officially open the new airport concessions area today with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Gevalia Coffee joins McAlister’s Deli, Breyer’s Ice Cream, Arrezzio® Italian-style pizza and an upscale pub with grab-and-go food and beverages in the airport’s new food court-style atmosphere. Doubling the original retail and food vending area to nearly 6,000 square-feet, the open glass-front court offers much more seating and overlooks airside operations, providing a more inviting and family friendly concourse experience.

“Food selection in the former concessions area was limited,” says Public Relations Director, Laura Gipson. “We wanted to offer our passengers a wider variety of food and beverage choices, more seating, and a panoramic view of the airfield.” In addition to McAlister’s Deli whose sandwiches, fresh salads, spuds, soups and sweets are well-known, the concourse now offers pizza, coffee, ice cream and an assortment of snack foods. “Gevalia opened a retail kiosk last spring,” Gipson says, “Now they have moved into a permanent storefront, which makes Huntsville their first full retail outlet in an airport.”

Gipson says AirHost has done a terrific job of recruiting new vendors. “AirHost is highly experienced at managing the development and operation of new concessions in the transportation industry,” says Dave Shelton, President of AirHost. “We strive to offer passengers a superb customer service experience. Providing them with friendly service and a variety of food to choose from helps accomplish our goals. ”

The new concessions area is part of the \$65 million expansion and renovation project at the Port of Huntsville. The concessions overhaul is one step in Huntsville’s preparations for continued growth throughout the Tennessee Valley. According to Mark McDaniel, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for Huntsville International Airport, “The former concessions area no longer met the demands of the 18-county region Huntsville serves. In anticipation of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) initiative, we will see a large population influx that includes an estimated 4,700 federal jobs moving into Redstone Arsenal. This can translate into well over 10,000 new residents. The Port of Huntsville will be ready for it.”

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