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### CITY ANNOUNCES NEW ST. GEORGE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT DEDICATION

**St. George, UT.** - After more than 20 years from vision to completion, the City of St. George is pleased to announce the dedication of the new St. George Municipal Airport on Wednesday, January 12, 2011. St. George Mayor, Dan McArthur, the project's biggest advocate since its inception, said the dedication of the new airport is nothing short of a miracle, "When I think back to those early discussions with former city councils on the vision and need for a new airport it just seemed so far into the future. It's hard to believe but the future is finally here!"

The inaugural event begins at the Dixie Convention Center at 12:40 pm as part of the Washington County Economic Development Summit 2011 luncheon session. Local, state and federal elected officials and dignitaries will give brief presentations on the new airport. All luncheon attendees must be registered for the Economic Summit. For details and registration information visit [www.whatsupdownsouth.com](http://www.whatsupdownsouth.com). Following the session at 2:10 pm, the celebration ensues at the new St. George Municipal Airport, 4550 South Airport Parkway.

At 2:30 pm doors open at the new airport terminal building for an open house reception. At 2:45 pm the dedication ceremony will begin inside the terminal. Following remarks from Mayor McArthur and City Manager, Gary S. Esplin, President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, second counselor in the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a former airline pilot, will share some remarks and offer the dedicatory prayer. After the dedicatory prayer, a ribbon cutting will take place in the same location. Military jet aircraft and the new Intermountain Health Care Life Flight helicopter will be on display at the airport during the open house reception.

Due to the large number of expected attendees and limited space, the ceremony will be broadcast live on a series of projectors at the terminal building as well as live streaming video over the Internet via [www.sgcity.org](http://www.sgcity.org) and on the Community Education Channel (20 Baja Broad Band, Washington County area).

SkyWest Airlines has graciously offered to provide a 50-passenger Bombardier-manufactured Canadair Regional Jet 200 (CRJ200) for the chartered inaugural flights to round out the dedication ceremony. Invited local, state and federal officials and dignitaries as well as eight individuals selected through Washington County area contests will participate in this event. "The ongoing progress of Utah's Dixie has always been important to SkyWest, and the new airport is a great step forward for the community," said SkyWest Airlines President and COO, Chip Childs. "We're excited to celebrate the new airport with the city, and to bring superior air service from St. George to Salt Lake City and Los Angeles in 2011."

The open house reception will end at 6:00 pm. The open house reception and dedication ceremony are open and free to the general public.

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