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CLT RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS EAGLE AWARD

Charlotte Douglas International Airport has been awarded the prestigious Eagle Award from the International Air Transport Association (IATA). The award comes under the “Best Airport” category. The award was presented to CLT by Dr. Assad Kotaite, Chairman of the Eagle Awards Panel, and IATA Director General and CEO Giovanni Bisignani during IATA’s Annual General Meeting and World Air Summit on Monday, June 7th, in Berlin, Germany.

Since 1998, Eagle Awards have been presented annually to recognize airports and Air Navigation Service Providers (ANS) who provide quality service and value for money to their airline customers. The last North American airport to receive an Eagle Award was Tampa International Airport in 2008.

The IATA Eagle Award is accepted in the aviation industry as the most distinguished of awards. It recognizes productivity, transparency and best value for money performance by airports.

Eagle Award winners are nominated by members of the aviation industry and are selected by a neutral and independent panel of aviation industry professionals. Winners must display innovative and creative ways to improve productivity and convert these ideas into lower charges to airlines. The winner’s positive record on environmental, safety, operational and social issues is also considered.

“Charlotte Douglas has the winning combination: low costs, low debt and solid service levels. The strong financial and operational model at Charlotte Douglas works well for airlines, passengers and the Airport. There can be no greater accolade than the continued support from its major airline customers through this Eagle Award,” said Bisignani.

Andrew Riolo, who serves as Airport Advisory Committee Vice Chair and is a US Airways Airbus 330 Captain, attended the IATA event and accepted the award on behalf of CLT. The Eagle Award will formerly be presented at an upcoming City Council meeting yet to be determined.

Aviation Director T. J. Orr will make some brief remarks regarding the announcement on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 10 a.m. in Baggage Claim Zone E. Representatives of City Council, Airport Advisory Committee and the City Manager’s Office are also scheduled to be in attendance.

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Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) is owned and operated by the City of Charlotte. Serving more than 34 million passengers in 2009, CLT is ranked 8th nationally in airport operations and 11th in passengers. Seven major carriers, 14 regional carriers and two foreign flag carriers offer 643 daily flights from CLT with nonstop service to 132 destinations, including 30 international locations.

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