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**Subject: Sonoma County Airport Terminal Remodel Open House
Wednesday, September 22, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Ribbon Cutting 6:45 PM**

SANTAROSA – Please join us at an Airport Open House on Wednesday, September 22, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, to celebrate the completion of the terminal remodel. “We are pleased that the remodel is finished. The Airport is now a lot more attractive and convenient to use. The improvements allow for a better first impression for visitors to Sonoma County.” said Jon Stout, Airport Manager.

The media is invited to take photos and talk to County and Airport officials, guests, and others at the event.

The expanded terminal has been in use since July, however, exterior and other finishing work will be complete by September 22. Finishing touches include:

- Refurbishment of the original area of the Terminal
- Four additional ticketing kiosks
- New doors in the original lobby
- New carpet throughout the expanded lobby
- New fencing and revolving gate entry from arrival area to the terminal
- Paving and pathways from the arrival area to the terminal
- Landscaping
- The addition of Budget Rental Cars. Avis, Enterprise, Hertz, and now Budget serve car rental needs.

The remodel includes the addition of almost 5,000 square feet to the existing circa 1967 terminal, expanding the public and passenger areas by one third. The project included:

- Increasing the number of ticket counters from two three
- Relocation of the screening checkpoint into a new, larger room
- Moving the screening checkpoint doubled the size the screened passenger pre-boarding waiting area
- A new indoor baggage carousel system. Formerly, passengers retrieved baggage out of doors.
- A new baggage processing room
- Relocation of the rental car counters
- Large south facing windows and doors that can be opened for ventilation
- Addition of two new restrooms

Horizon Air is the only airline currently serving the Airport with daily nonstop flights to Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle. Since air service returned to the Airport in March 2007, over 620,000 passengers have flown in and out of STS, with 109,080 in 2007, 204,734 in 2008, 186,014 in 2009, and 120,472 through August 2010. The Airport would like to add service to San Diego and an eastern hub like Salt Lake City, Denver, or Phoenix.

Sonoma County Airport received \$1,685,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to remodel and expand the passenger terminal. The total budget for the project came to approximately \$2.4 million; the difference between the grant and total project cost is funded by the Airport with Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) funds.

The construction contract was awarded to Murray Building, Inc. of Sonoma in the amount of \$1,582,709 for the base project. The costs over the award amount include permitting, architectural fees, and construction administration. The Santa Rosa office of Mead Hunt, an architectural and engineering firm, designed the remodel. To learn more about the Airport and the terminal remodel visit [//www.sonomacountyairport.org/](http://www.sonomacountyairport.org/).

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