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**Subject: Sonoma County Airport Remodeled Terminal Open for Use July 7
Meet Airport Manager Jon Stout in the Terminal, Wednesday morning, July 7**

SANTA ROSA – Phase 3 is almost complete. The new section of the Sonoma County Airport terminal opens to the public for the first time on Wednesday, July 7. The Airport is excited to have the new space open for public use, however many items remain before the project is fully complete. Phase 4 of the construction, which includes exterior and other finishing work, is anticipated to be complete in mid August. A grand opening celebration is planned for September.

Tuesday evening, after the last passengers have left for the day, crews will work quickly to tear down the temporary wall that separates the original terminal from the large addition and move screening equipment into its new space. Passengers on the first flight out at 6:30 a.m. will be the first to use the spacious new lobby areas and new screening room.

The media is invited to take photos, get quotes, and meet with Jon Stout, Airport Manager, Wed., July 7, in the remodeled terminal. The first passengers to use the space will depart to LAX at 6:30 a.m. The first arriving passengers are scheduled to fly in from LAX at 10:15 a.m., with a second departure to Seattle at 10:45 a.m. Jon Stout will be in the terminal during the time of the departures and arrivals of those flights.

The remodel includes the addition of almost 5,000 square feet to the existing circa 1967 terminal, expanding it by one third. The remodel includes:

- Relocation of the screening checkpoint into a new, larger room
- Expansion of the public and passenger areas allowing more room overall for passenger comfort
- Addition of two new restrooms
- A new indoor baggage carousel system. Formerly, passengers retrieved baggage out of doors.
- A new baggage processing room
- Increasing the size of the ticket counters from two to three (Phase 3), four additional ticket kiosks (Phase 4)
- Relocation of the rental car counters
- Large south facing windows and doors that can be opened for ventilation
- Refurbishment of the original area of the Terminal (Phase 4)

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, just over 585,000 passengers have flown in and out of STS, with 109,080 in 2007, 204,734 in 2008, 186,014 in 2009, and 85,227 through June 2010. The Airport would like to add service to San Diego to the schedule 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 2.3 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.

New Website The Airport has also remodeled its website. Check it out at <http://www.sonomacountyairport.org/>.

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