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LEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY BREAKS GROUND ON NEW GENERAL AVIATION TERMINAL COMPLEX AT PAGE FIELD

FORT MYERS, Fla. (May 6, 2010) – The Lee County Port Authority, Board of Port Commissioners, county officials, business leaders and other community representatives gathered today for a groundbreaking ceremony for the new General Aviation Complex at Page Field General Aviation Airport (FMY) in Fort Myers, Fla.

Once completed, the new General Aviation Terminal will replace the existing facility and will be located in the West Quadrant of Page Field. The new complex includes a two-story 22,613-square-foot terminal building, a 24,000-square-foot multi-use hangar, a new Fuel Farm with jet and AvGas fuel, intersection improvements at Fowler Street and Page Field Commons, a parking lot, new entrance roadway and native landscaping that will enhance the buildings and surroundings.

The estimated total economic impact will be \$28 million and construction activities alone will support 300 jobs. The total project cost is \$16.2 million and has a planned 401-day construction schedule.

“Business at Page continues to grow with nearly 76,000 annual operations and according to a 2009 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Economic Impact Report, Page Field accounts for nearly 1,000 jobs and contributes \$95.4 million to the local economy,” said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. “The infrastructure improvements started today at Page Field will help us meet the future demand of general aviation in Southwest Florida.”

Page Field General Aviation Airport is an important part of the transportation system in Southwest Florida. FMY serves as the general aviation gateway to Lee County and is a designated FAA reliever airport for Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW). In addition, it has been recognized within the aviation industry for its vitality and customer service. Most recently, the Florida Department of Transportation named Page Field the 2008 General Aviation Airport of the Year.

The Lee County Port Authority operates Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field General Aviation Airport in Fort Myers, Fla. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for operations or construction at either airport. For more information, please visit www.flylcpa.com.