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Airport Authority to Create Receiving and Distribution Center

New location will divert airport truck traffic off Harbor Drive

SAN DIEGO – July 21, 2011 – The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board has approved the selection of companies to both build and operate a Central Receiving and Distribution Center (CRDC) for San Diego International Airport. When complete, the CRDC will eliminate the need for box truck and semi-truck deliveries to the terminals.

The CRDC is a key component of the Airport Authority's new [Concession Development Program](#). The 21,000-square-foot facility will be located on the north side of the airport with primary access from Pacific Highway and Washington Street. Utilizing state-of-the-art technology that integrates the entire terminal complex, products will be received, vetted and consolidated into environmentally friendly delivery trucks that will use the service road on the airfield to distribute items to the secure side of the terminals. This procedure is expected to remove 50 – 70 truck trips per day on Harbor Drive and Laurel Street.

"The Central Receiving and Distribution Center will be an integral part of the airport's future," says Thella Bowens, President/CEO of the Airport Authority. "It will make the airport run more efficiently, more securely and keep trucks off busy Harbor Drive. It's a benefit for both the airport and the community."

When complete, the CRDC will add more dock space, increase safety by keeping unnecessary vehicles off the airfield and accommodate future TSA screening of incoming goods. The new center will also be built to the US Green Building Council's [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design](#) (LEED) standards; the Airport Authority is seeking at least Silver certification.

This is the first time in the Airport Authority's history that its financial team sought to utilize a third-party developer for construction of an airport facility. AFCO CRDC SAN LLC, owned by Aviation Facilities Company, Inc., will finance and build the facility and Bradford Airport Logistics, Ltd. will operate the center once it is built. By applying the third-party developer concept, the Airport Authority will be able to acquire an essential facility without using its bonding capacity, which is necessary for [The Green Build](#).

The cost to build and rent the facility over a 20-year period is \$18.2 million, and it is expected to be operational by December 2012.

In 2010, passengers rated San Diego International Airport 87 percent in overall passenger satisfaction, one of the highest scores in seven years of surveying.