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Detroit Metro Airport Awarded \$5.1 Million for New, Low-Emissions Infrastructure at North Terminal

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) has been awarded a Voluntary Airport Low Emissions (VALE) grant, totaling nearly \$5.1 million by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to support the airport's plan to reduce operational emissions at its new North Terminal.

"We are delighted that the FAA has recognized DTW's ongoing commitment to improved air quality by providing additional funding support for our latest environmentally-friendly initiatives," said Lester W. Robinson, CEO of Wayne County Airport Authority.

Funding from the grant will be used to support three capital components of DTW's new North Terminal now under construction. Together, these three initiatives will provide an infrastructure to deliver fuel, temperature-controlled air and auxiliary electrical power directly to aircraft parked at each new boarding gate. The new hydrant fueling system will eliminate the need for and emissions associated with mobile fuel trucks, while the preconditioned air and 400 hertz electrical power units will reduce the reliance on on-board auxiliary power units (APUs) and diesel-powered portable ground power units—thus reducing fuel consumption and associated emissions.

When it opens in late 2008, DTW's new 26-gate North Terminal will replace the aging Smith and Berry Terminals and serve as Detroit's home to Air Canada, American, AirTran, British Airways, Frontier, Lufthansa, Royal Jordanian, Southwest, Spirit, United, US Airways, and USA 3000, as well as non-scheduled airlines such as Champion Air, Ryan Air and others. Upon completion of the new facility, the existing Smith and Berry terminals will be decommissioned—making DTW one of the newest, most operationally-capable and efficient airports in North America.

Awarding of this VALE grant was made possible by a successful collaboration among the Wayne County Airport Authority, Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and airport consultants C & S Engineers of Syracuse, NY, and Synergy Consultants, Inc., of Seattle, WA.

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