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“Orlando Sanford International Shines in 2000”
Year 2000 Statistics Place Airport Ahead in Florida

Sanford, Fla., May 1, 2001 – Recently released statistics from Airports Council International (ACI) and the FAA, rank Orlando Sanford International Airport high in several categories. The airport holds the number one spot in Florida for general aviation operations and is second only to Miami International when including all airport operations. When looking at the entire United States, Orlando Sanford comes in second for general aviation operations and is number 27 for total operations in 2000.

Orlando Sanford also ranked well in the total passenger category. As a top ten Florida airport, Orlando Sanford came in ninth with 1,119,632 passengers for 2000. The airport ranks 85th in the nation and is the 320th busiest airport in the world (out of nearly 700 airports) for the same category. Passenger activity for the airport increased more than 19% over the previous year, the highest growth rate for any airport in Florida and the third highest growth rate for the top 106 airports in the United States.

Much of the airport’s growth can be attributed to the success of Pan American Airways. The airport’s \$27 million terminal addition has allowed Pan Am to increase their presence at Orlando Sanford with a greatly expanded schedule. Since moving into the new terminal in fall of 2000, Pan Am has added two destinations (three by May 23), bringing their total to seven.

David Fink, president of Pan Am explains, “We have been very pleased about the initial results at Orlando Sanford. Our percentage of filled seats has been outstanding for nearly all our destinations, which prompts the addition of new routes. Expectations have been exceeded in a relatively short period of time and Pan Am looks forward to continued success at Orlando Sanford.”

Orlando Sanford International Airport is located near the Orlando attractions and is also very convenient to Daytona Beach. Adjacent to the airport are the business communities of Lake Mary and Heathrow, part of Florida’s “High Tech Corridor.” Airlines and their passengers enjoy free parking, new domestic terminal facilities, short walking distances, and low operating costs.

For more information about OSIA, visit the airport’s website at www.orlandosanfordairport.com or their terminal management company, Orlando Sanford International, Inc., at www.osi-airport.com.