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Tis the Season at Orlando Sanford International Airport

Sanford, Fla., May 22, 2001 – With the international flight season moving into high gear, Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) saw strong increases in every category for the month of April. The airport serviced nearly 100,000 passengers in April, made up of 33,776 domestic travelers and 64,562 international. Total passenger traffic was up 30%, with domestic up 89% and international up 12%, over April 2000. A total of 39,234 operations in April placed the airport 22% ahead of April 2000. In fact, this represents the highest number of April operations in the history of the airport, and the second highest number of operations in any one month. The Airport also processed 862 tons of cargo, an 8% increase over April of last year.

Year-to-date numbers indicate that this will be an exceptional year for SFB. Although a number of factors are causing a reduction in international visitors to Central Florida, international passenger numbers at Orlando Sanford have risen more than 15% so far this year. The inauguration of American Trans Air Inc (ATA) flights at the airport next month will also serve to fuel the steady increase of international passengers and operations. Domestic passengers for the year continue to multiply as well. The total number of passengers for 2001 has reached nearly 300,000.

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.