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December Traffic Up 40% at Orlando Sanford
2003 Total Traffic Falls 9,800 Passengers Short of 2002 Level

Sanford, FL, January 21, 2004 – Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) saw a record number of domestic passengers key a 40% rise in December traffic. The traffic mix was 59,769 domestic, up 81% over December 2002; 25,886 international travelers, down 5%. Airport cargo was up 5% in December, processing 350 tons of cargo. Aircraft operations were up 6% from December 2002.

The airport recorded 1,253,862 passengers through its gates in 2003, falling less than 1% short of last year's record of 1,263,662. Traffic was comprised of a record 455,748 domestic passengers, up 15%; 794,144 international passengers, down 5%; and 3,970 international transit passengers, down 89%. Although total international passenger figures were down, traffic from Europe was up over 6% in 2003. The airport processed 4% less tons of cargo than in 2002, while total aircraft operations were up over 3% to 385,303.

Larry Dale, President of the Sanford Airport Authority, remarked, "Even though we did not surpass the passenger levels of the previous year, keep in mind that 2002 was the best year in the history of the Airport, and we came within 10,000 passengers of exceeding that. This is even more remarkable considering that during 2003, we lost one airline which carried alone more than 26% of the total traffic during the prior year. In addition, the number of aircraft operations should once again rank us among the top 30 busiest airports in the world."

Orlando Sanford International Airport offers visitors and Central Floridians alike, the "Best of Both Worlds," located midway between Orlando's World Class attractions and the World's Most Famous Beach - Daytona Beach; both are only 45 minutes away. 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 convenient parking, new terminal facilities, short walking distances, and low operating costs.

For more information about SFB, visit the airport's website at www.OrlandoSanfordAirport.com.