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Orlando Sanford Posts Record Month For Passenger Traffic

Sanford, FL, August 25, 2003 – Passenger traffic at Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) for July 2003 was up from July 2002 with a growth of over 7%. A record number of passengers (174,088) passed through the airport during the month, eclipsing the old mark of 169,139 set in August 2001. The traffic mix for July was 58,317 domestic travelers, up 25%; 115,678 international, up 4%; and 98 transit passengers. Cargo volume was down 2%, processing 886 tons during the month, and aircraft operations were up 11% to 37,008.

Year-to-date figures show an 18% decrease in total passengers; however, recent trends indicate the airport is primed for a strong second half in 2003. Larry Dale, President of the Sanford Airport Authority remarked, “We are very pleased with the steady recovery of traffic at Orlando Sanford International and particularly excited about the record number of passengers in July.”

Airports Council International (ACI) ranked SFB as the fastest growing North American airport in 2000 and 2001, among airports with one million or more annual passengers. Orlando Sanford International Airport is located near the Orlando attractions and is also 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 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