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NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT UNVEILS TOP-NOTCH EMERGENCY FACILITY

NEW ORLEANS, LA (September 19, 2011) – Satterfield & Pontikes Construction Group, L.L.C. (S&P) recently completed construction of the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) facility at Louis Armstrong International Airport in New Orleans. The new 24,000-square-foot station, one of the most modern available anywhere, will provide emergency response, handle hazardous materials, and train firefighters and first responders.

The main building area provides sleeping quarters for up to 12 firefighters, television and relaxation room, fitness room, and kitchen facilities. In addition, the ARFF station includes two training classrooms, a watch room overlooking the runway (with security monitors and communications systems connected by fiber optics to the main airport security system), gear rooms, and scrub-down facility for handling hazardous materials.

Elevated and built above the flood plain, two metal buildings, each with four vehicle bays, connect to the main building area. The foundation, sitting on 62-foot-long treated timber piles, is unique – grade beams are non-typical and the entire foundation and slab are sloped, providing drainage into oily water separators with special lint filters.

The new two-story facility sits a mere 300 feet from the airport taxiway and only 500 feet from the runway. Because the station's new specially designed fire trucks are longer, wider and weightier, vehicle bays received 16-foot-wide doors instead of the usual 14 feet.

Architectural services for the \$9.9-million project were provided by Hegedus Architects-ECM.

In addition to the newly completed ARFF station, S&P is constructing a new consolidated rental car facility at the airport. The project, expected to be complete in 2012, will relocate nine remote rental car facilities to the new complex.

About Satterfield & Pontikes Construction

Satterfield & Pontikes Construction Group, L.L.C. is an award-winning general contractor and construction manager. *South Central Construction* ranks S&P #44 among its 'Top 110 Contractors' in the southeastern U.S. and #18 in its 'Top 50 Louisiana Contractors' rankings. *New Orleans CityBusiness* ranks S&P #1 on its list of 'Fastest Growing Companies.' Through its commitment to sustainable construction, S&P earned the #14 spot on *South Central Construction's* 'Top Green Contractors' in the southeastern U.S. *ENR Texas and Louisiana* recently selected S&P as one of 'Six Companies to Watch' in 2011.

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