GREEN AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION PROJECT RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY

First Airfield Project in the Country to receive Gold Award

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Warwick, Rhode Island, July 11, 2016: The Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) today announced that the T.F. Green Airport Runway 5 Extension Project has received the Gold Award under the organization’s sustainability Envision rating system, a top honor for professionals involved in the planning, designing, building and maintaining civil infrastructure.

“Consistent with the Rhode Island Airport Corporation’s (RIAC) efforts to provide a world class airport facility for the traveling public, it simultaneously strives to utilize environmentally sensitive and sustainable practices for the benefit of its host community and state,” said Peter Frazier, Interim President and CEO of RIAC. “Our willingness to be a leader in such initiatives can only be achieved if we partner with design and engineering firms like C&S Companies that possess this cutting edge expertise.”

According to Ron Peckham, Chairman of C&S Companies, the project design firm for the Green Airport Runway Extension, the Project was evaluated on a host of criteria including community engagement, environmental impacts and economic benefits. The ISI uses the holistic Envision assessment method to ascertain a project’s impact on the surrounding community, environmental technical considerations regarding materials used and processes employed, and other critical choices spanning the project’s lifecycle. The program was developed to foster dramatic and necessary improvements in physical infrastructure projects across the United States.
“The T.F. Green Airport Runway Extension Project is the first airfield project in the country to receive a Gold Award from the ISI,” noted Mr. Peckham. “An achievement of this magnitude is only made possible by the commitment to excellence in sustainability measures by the project owner like RIAC, whose clear mandate from the outset empowered the C&S Companies’ experts to design this award-winning program.”

“This is a very significant achievement for all involved in this runway extension project,” noted Mr. Frazier. “The RIAC Board of Directors has consistently asked and expected that we employ best practices throughout the planning, design and construction phases of the runway extension project and undeniably, recognition such as this is proof that we have done just that. I commend and congratulate the employees of RIAC and C&S Companies on this honor, and for undertaking this important project with great sensitivity to the surrounding community and the environment, and in a manner in which all Rhode Islanders can take pride.”

The lengthening of Green’s main runway, 5-23, is part of the Green Airport Improvement Program which is a multi-year effort to enhance the safety areas around Runway 16-34 as well as lengthen the primary runway, 5-23, to 8,700 feet. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) conducted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and subsequently approved the Improvement Program. Extension of Runway 5-23, designed to improve efficiencies of existing and new flights through increased payloads and reduced weight penalties as well as to accommodate long haul service to the west coast, is expected to conclude by December of 2017. The $92.5 million cost of the extension program is being financed by Federal grants, Passenger Facility Charges (PFC’s) and additional RIAC funding sources.

T. F. Green Airport is located in Warwick, Rhode Island, approximately eight miles south of downtown Providence. The Airport serves more than 3.8 million passengers traveling to and from the State of Rhode Island and southeastern New England. The 28th Annual Conde Nast Traveler Readers’ Choice survey has recognized T. F. Green Airport as the 3rd best in the United States citing its
convenience and location as the Gateway to Southern New England.

C&S Companies provide design, planning, environmental and construction services for public and private clients in a variety of sectors across the country. Since the company’s founding in 1968, it has expanded from a small municipal engineering firm to a national design and construction services firm with offices in New York, Ohio, Michigan, Arizona, California and Florida. The diversity of C&S’s services is unique in the industry, with professionals in many specialized disciplines. The firm’s main service areas are managed by groups focused on facilities, aviation, surface transportation, environmental, municipal, technology solutions and construction management.

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