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## **Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run airports reach out to construction industry contractors seeking work**

*-- Airport Authority to hold Construction Industry Day this week*

**DETROIT (Dec. 5, 2016)** – The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA), which operates Detroit Metropolitan (DTW) and Willow Run (YIP) airports, will continue its efforts to expand contracting opportunities for businesses by hosting a Construction Industry Day. The free event will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016, at the Wayne County Community College District – Downriver Campus.

Prime contractors, subcontractors and suppliers will spend the day networking and learning about the WCAA procurement process, prime and subcontracting opportunities, disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) and small business enterprise (SBE) certification, the Airport Authority’s five-year capital improvement plan and more. Prime contractors—Adamo Demolition, Ajax Paving, Angelo Iafate Construction, Barton Malow, Blaze Contracting, Dan’s Excavating, Interstate Highway Construction, Nora Contracting, Roncelli and Walbridge—will be available to discuss matchmaking opportunities.

“For several months, our Procurement Department has focused on enhancing our programs to help more small- and minority-owned businesses secure contracts for work at our airports,” said Airport Authority Interim CEO Joseph Nardone. “One key aspect of our targeted business programs is increasing our outreach to businesses across Michigan and educating more owners about our streamlined SBE certification processes. The upcoming Construction Industry Day is an example of our plan in action.”

WCAA partners, including the Michigan Department of Transportation, Small Business Administration, Schoolcraft College Procurement Technical Assistance Center and Wayne County Human Relations, will be on hand to answer questions and provide resources to attendees.

During Construction Industry Day, continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in participating must RSVP by calling (734) 462-4438 no later than Tuesday, Dec. 6.

***Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed more than 33 million passengers in 2015 and is one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. With service from 13 scheduled passenger airlines, Michigan's largest airport offers more than 1,100 flights per day to and from more than 140 non-stop destinations on four continents. With two award-winning passenger terminals, six jet runways, and an onsite AAA Four-Diamond Westin Hotel, DTW is among the world's most efficient, customer friendly and operationally capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by Wayne County Airport Authority, which also operates nearby Willow Run Airport – an important corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive tax dollars to support airport operations. Visit [www.metroairport.com](http://www.metroairport.com) or [www.willowrunairport.com](http://www.willowrunairport.com) for more information.***

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