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**DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONGRATULATES  
IRVING ON WINNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AWARD FOR RECRUITING AVIALL, INC**

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF COMMUNITY AND  
AIRPORT LANDS HEADQUARTERS OF WORLD'S  
LARGEST AVIATION PARTS DISTRIBUTOR**

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (September 18, 2002) – DFW International Airport congratulates the City of Irving for winning the coveted Community Economic Development Award (CEDA) for 2002 for recruiting Aviall, Inc. to an Irving site within DFW Airport. Irving, DFW Airport, Dallas County and Grapevine-Colleyville ISD collaborated on the project to convince the world's largest independent distributor of new aviation parts to relocate its headquarters to the Airport.

The award given by the Texas Economic Development Council will be presented to the City of Irving, Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce and Aviall, Inc. officials at the 2002 TEDC Annual Conference in San Antonio on September 26.

The CEDA Program recognizes exceptional contributions of Texas communities based on any one or all of the following areas: business retention, business expansion, business recruitment, and community involvement. Nominees are grouped according to population and evaluated among other similarly sized communities.

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"Recruiting Aviall to DFW Airport demonstrates how effectively the community and the Airport can collaborate on economic development initiatives that benefit the entire Metroplex," says Jeff Fegan, CEO at DFW Airport. "The Airport generates thousands of jobs in the North Texas region and drives economic activity of approximately \$17 billion per year. The success of this cooperative project is a model for working to attract more economic activity to the DFW Airport area."

Aviall, Inc., the world's largest independent distributor of new aviation parts and a leading provider of inventory information services, announced in April 2001 that it planned to relocate its corporate headquarters and international distribution center for its Aviall Services, Inc. unit to an expanded state-of-the-art facility in Irving. Aviall was the initial tenant in that portion of Irving located within the geographical boundaries of the International Commerce Park (Foreign Trade Zone 39) at the Airport. The company took final occupancy of their new facility in November 2001. Aviall relocated its operations in response to its sales increases in 2000 and 2001, and to accommodate the company's expected growth.

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, offering nearly 2,000 flights per day and serving 55 million passengers a year. DFW International Airport provides non-stop service to 130 domestic and 30 international destinations worldwide.

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