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**DON O'BANNON TO LEAD DFW INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT'S MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS
INITIATIVES**

**AIRPORT'S INDUSTRY-LEADING PROGRAMS TO
RECEIVE EVEN HIGHER PROFILE IN NORTH TEXAS
AND NATIONWIDE**



DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (May 28, 2002) — Don O'Bannon, a nationally recognized expert in minority and women-owned business affairs, has been tapped to lead DFW Airport's efforts as vice president of small and emerging business at DFW. O'Bannon brings more than eighteen years of industry and legal expertise to the position, working closely with governmental clients to assure compliance with applicable regulations and create expanded opportunities for minority-owned businesses.

"Our M/WBE program is one of the most important aspects of our business at DFW and we are pleased to have a leader like Don join our team," says Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW. "Don is both strategic and creative, and we believe his public and private sector experience in this critical area will make our program even more innovative and successful."

O'Bannon comes from the Dallas law firm Vial & Hamilton, where he was a partner, specializing in representing governmental entities. O'Bannon has also maintained his own legal consulting firm, O'Bannon & Associates, P.C., is a former partner at Bell, Nunnally & Martin in Dallas, and served as Division Chief, Business Litigation Section, for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART).

The M/WBE program at DFW is recognized as one of the most innovative and successful business assistance programs of its kind. Currently, the Airport has achieved an outstanding M/WBE participation rate of 36 percent on Construction Contracts, 29.4 percent (30%) for Professional Services and 17.2 percent (17%) in the General Procurement category. Other industry leading aspects of the business development program include provision of a Surety Support Program to work with potential subcontractors on bonding and insurance issues and in the area of helping to arrange contract financing.

“The strong partnership between the Small and Emerging Business Department, the entire Airport team and the business community has been one of the keys to the program’s success,” says Linda Valdez Thompson, executive vice president of administration and diversity at DFW. “I’m confident that the expertise that Don brings to the organization will help us take our program to the next level.”

O'Bannon is a graduate of Dartmouth College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree, and attained his law degree from the University of Virginia. He is licensed to practice law before the Texas Supreme Court, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, United States District Court, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts and United States Tax Court.

O'Bannon is a graduate of Bishop Dunne High School in Dallas. He is a member of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, and has won numerous awards for his service in the African-American, arts and business community.

About DFW International Airport

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, serving 55 million passengers a year. Offering nearly 2,000 flights daily, DFW Airport provides nonstop service to 129 domestic and 30 international destinations worldwide. For the latest news, real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at DFW International Airport log on to www.dfwairport.com.

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