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### **Austin Executive Airport Begins Construction**

#### ***Austin's Newest Airport Receives Approval for Major Renovations***

AUSTIN-- (July 20, 2010) – With permits approved, pilots across the country will soon enjoy upgrades to service and amenities at the state's newest airport, Austin Executive Airport (KEDC).

Formerly known as Bird's Nest Airport, the corporate and general aviation facility is located northeast of Austin on the new State Highway 130, 12 miles northeast of downtown Austin, and will feature a premier FBO, terminal, ramp, fuel farm and corporate hangars.

The announcement was made by airport owner and developer Ron Henriksen.

"We are delighted to receive permits to begin planned renovations, and establish the premier corporate and general aviation facility in central Texas," said Henriksen. "We recognize the real need for a modern, first class business aviation facility that will be a direct benefit to both the aviation community, as well as the Austin area."

"Construction has begun on moving over 800,000 cubic yards of dirt to build the connector taxiway, ramp, FBO and hangars," said Andrew D. Perry, A.A.E. "We are ready and eager to partner with the aviation community as the new reliever airport for Austin Bergstrom International. Our premier facilities will accommodate up to Gulfstream V aircraft."

Perry said he is actively seeking aircraft maintenance, avionics and paint shops, along with other aviation businesses for the airport.

A Houston businessman and pilot, developer Ron Henriksen continues to attract national attention with aviation ventures in Texas. Henriksen privately funded

and built Houston Executive Airport which opened in January 2007. He purchased Bird's Nest just months later in October 2007 due to the dire need for a general aviation facility in the Austin area. The airport is located on the new State Highway 130, 12 miles northeast of downtown Austin.

"Austin is one of the largest cities in the country without a general aviation reliever airport," said Henriksen. "This airport is essential to the continued growth of the Austin area as well as the state of Texas and I am thrilled to play a role in breathing new life into the airport."

Henriksen purchased the airport in October 2007 with an eye toward upgrading the facility to meet the needs of a seriously under-served aviation population in Austin. The airport's runway is 6,025 feet and can accommodate all corporate and general aviation aircraft up to Gulfstream V's.

Houston Executive Airport Executive Director, Andrew D. Perry, A.A.E. explained that the State of Texas has been trying to restore general aviation capacity to the Austin area for over a decade. "Our improvements at Austin Executive will have far-reaching impact on the general aviation community," said Perry. "But it will also be a valuable asset in attracting and retaining business to our state."

More information about the airport is available by contacting Andrew Perry at 281-945-5415 or at [www.AustinExecutiveAirport.com](http://www.AustinExecutiveAirport.com) .

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