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FAA Issues Draft Environmental Assessment For JAA's Proposed Cecil Field Spaceport

Draft Report Now Available for Public Review and Comment

JACKSONVILLE, April 15, 2009 – The Jacksonville Aviation Authority's dream of landing a commercial spaceport to accommodate reusable launch vehicles at Cecil Field moved closer to reality today with the release of the Federal Aviation Administration's Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), which found no significant environmental impacts.

The EA looked at potential environmental impacts of the FAA issuing a Launch Site Operator License for the JAA to operate a commercial horizontal launch facility at Cecil Field.

JAA is proposing to operate a spaceport at its Westside airport that could handle launching up to 52 horizontal, reusable launch vehicles a year.

The release of the draft EA signals the start of the public comment period, which will end May 20, 2009. A public hearing will be held on May 14 at Cecil Commerce Center, 13561 Lake Newman St., Jacksonville.

In addition, hard copies of the EA will be available soon at the following public libraries:

- Jacksonville Public Library - Argyle Branch
- Jacksonville Public Library - Webb Wesconnett Regional
- Jacksonville Public Library - West Regional
- Jacksonville Public Library – Main Branch
- Green Cove Springs Library

Electronic versions of the document are available on the JAA website at:
<http://www.jaa.aero/AirSys/CF.aspx>, or the FAA website at: <http://ast.faa.gov>.

Comments should be mailed to Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist, Cecil Field EA, c/o ICF International, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to CecilField@icfi.com or via fax to (703) 934-3951.

The Jacksonville Aviation Authority was established in 2001 by the Florida legislature to operate Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) and the city's three general aviation airports – Craig Airport (CRG), Herlong Airport (HEG) and Cecil Field (VQQ). The Authority is governed by a seven-member board. Jacksonville International Airport – funded through user fees and not local taxes – serves over six million passengers annually.