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*CLE and surrounding communities invite public input on
Aerotropolis development*

Cleveland, January 21, 2010 – Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) and the cities of Berea, Brook Park, Olmsted Falls and Parma will hold a series of stakeholder meetings to get input on the potential for an aviation-focused business development environment known as an Aerotropolis **from Tuesday, January 26, through Thursday, January 28, 2010 at the I-X Center.**

“Aerotropolises are beginning to emerge around airports across the country in part because of the economic global reach airports have,” said Airport Director Ricky Smith. “That is why it is extremely important and vital that we hear from our stakeholders as we begin to look at how we can develop an Aerotropolis here in Cleveland.”

By definition, an Aerotropolis is an aviation-based urban area surrounded by industrial and commercial office space, a mix of retail, hotel, restaurants, entertainment, recreation and single- and multi-family housing. Similar to a metropolis, the aerotropolis uses the airport as the central economic driver.

Facilitated by the Center of Public Management of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University (CSU), who will also study the potential for economic growth resulting from designation as an Aerotropolis, the stakeholder meetings provide an opportunity to share ideas and concerns about the proposed Aerotropolis.

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. To register and learn more about an Aerotropolis, visit the Levin College for Public Management Web site at http://urban.csuohio.edu/publicmanagement/aerotropolis_stakeholder_sessions_2010.html. Times for each of the stakeholder sessions are noted on the registration page.

For questions or more information on the stakeholder sessions, contact The Center for Public Management at 216.687.2188.

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