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## **Cleveland Hopkins receives 6<sup>th</sup> 'Exceptional' Rating from Federal Aviation Administration**

***Cleveland, December 2, 2009*** –Once again, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) an 'Exceptional' rating – the highest rating an airport can receive – at the conclusion of the FAA's annual Part 139 Certification Inspection.

"We are proud to once again receive this rating of exceptional for a sixth time. We have an outstanding team of aviation experts who make safety their business" said Airport Director Ricky D. Smith.

The rating awarded to individual airports is compared to airports of similar size across the nation. In order to continue operating as a commercial facility, CLE must receive a successful inspection as a requirement to maintain their operating certificate.

FAA Certification Inspectors noted during their examination, the exceptional performance of CLE's airfield and lighting systems, Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Station (ARFF) crash response, training, record keeping system as well as the multi-tiered airfield driving and badging system – all of which were referred to as 'model systems for other airports.'

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***Cleveland Hopkins International Airport is Ohio's Premier Air Service Gateway offering over 260 daily nonstop flights to 80 nonstop destinations including 7 international markets.***