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Award-Winning Terminal F Baggage Claim Opens at PHL

PHILADELPHIA – Philadelphia International Airport is pleased to announce the grand opening of the Terminal F Baggage Claim today that completes the \$161 million Terminal F renovation and expansion project. The 34,000-square foot facility built by American Airlines achieved LEED Gold certification for its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

“This beautiful facility reflects the commitment to sustainability by our partner American Airlines and the Airport,” said CEO Chellie Cameron. “We are excited to celebrate the opening of Terminal F Baggage Claim that provides greater convenience to passengers in a beautiful setting.”

The \$35 million Terminal F Baggage Claim building is the first LEED Gold project at the airport. The LEED certification process aligns with sustainability initiatives across the Airport campus, such as habitat preservation, energy conservation, and recycling.

“The completion of the Terminal F project is a great day for American,” said Suzanne Boda, Sr. Vice President, Hubs and Gateways. “This state of the art LEED certified bag claim facility, coupled with recent renovations to F terminal, provides our travelers with a greater level of customer service while enhancing our focus on environmental stewardship.”

The new facility includes two baggage claim carousels, restrooms and seating area and serves as a link between the F terminal and the F garage. Arriving passengers in F have convenient access to parking, ground transportation and SEPTA rail service once they pick up their bags.

The permanent artwork featured in Terminal F Baggage Claim is by local artist Stacy Levy. *Three Views of the River* captures three different aerial representations of Philadelphia’s waterways – sparkling circular discs of stainless steel emulate the Schuylkill’s ribbon-like flow, a stone watershed map details the region’s rivers past and present, and a large-scale lenticular oval magnifies the water’s undulating surface.

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Levy's work was selected in a competition administered by the City's Percent for Art Program.

Terminal F, a 185,000 square-foot building composed of three concourses, opened in 2001 with 38 gates to serve regional flights. The \$100 million Terminal F project was complemented by the construction of a new ramp control tower and a 3,400-space parking garage.

In order to better accommodate the growing number of passengers and to enhance the customer experience in Terminal F, a multi-phase \$161 million expansion project was initiated. The Hub expansion that opened in 2013 increased concession space by 20,000 square feet including a 360-seat food court area, a new shuttle bus stop, and a spectacular glass installation. Renovations completed in 2015 included a new Security Screening Checkpoint and a secure pedestrian corridor linking Terminal F to the Airport's six other terminals. The baggage claim facility completes the expansion project.

Since its first full year of operation in 2002 to 2015, Terminal F passenger traffic has increased by about 75%, from nearly 3 million to more than 5.2 million total passengers. Today, it is PHL's third-busiest terminal after C and B, and accounts for 16.6% of the 31.4 million passengers that pass through the Airport every year.

The Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) awarded the Philadelphia-based Sheward Partnership an 'Honor Award' for the design of the Terminal F Baggage Claim Building. An AIA 'Honor Award' is given to a project that exemplifies a high overall design quality in architecture, interiors and preservation. An independent jury of accredited architects in New Orleans judged dozens of design submissions from Philadelphia architects and awarded the Baggage Claim Building one of its most distinguished design awards."

Administered by the U.S. Green Building Council, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System is the internationally-accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance buildings. The LEED Rating System measures initiatives in seven areas: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality, Innovation & Design Process, and Regional.

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