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Calling All Troops! San Diego Airport USO Center Temporarily Relocated to Terminal 1 Starting March 18 *Move will allow for construction of new, larger airport USO Center*

SAN DIEGO – March 18, 2010 – The Neil Ash USO Center at San Diego International Airport has been temporarily relocated to the west end of Terminal 1.

The relocation, part of The Green Build, the largest project in the history of San Diego International Airport, will allow for demolition of the building that currently houses the USO Center, which will be replaced by a 10,000 square-foot, upgraded facility – what will be the largest USO Center in the nation. The Neil Ash USO is already one of the country's busiest USO Centers.

"More than 100,000 service members and their families travel through the Neil Ash USO Center each year," said Thella F. Bowens, President and CEO of San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. "We are honored to continue to serve San Diego's military community though the construction of this USO Center while the permanent facility is being built."

The temporary, relocated facility, between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 and accessible from the curb, will continue to offer active and retired military and their families all of the amenities currently provided at the Neil Ash USO Center, including free Internet access, a game room, televisions, refreshments, lounge, baggage storage, showers and a children's play room. Like the Neil Ash USO, the temporary center will be open seven days a week, from 6am – midnight.

USO Centers around the nation provide the military and their families with a place to relax and connect with other military service members. Often, the USO is the last stop for troops before receiving their deployment assignments.

"I applaud the Airport Authority's continued commitment to providing our troops with this important facility," said Bobby Woods, USO Director. "The generous donations of the Airport Authority and other San Diego area businesses are what make our operation such a success."

When completed, the new USO Center at Terminal 2 will provide military and their families with 3,000 additional square feet of space, a new outdoor area with picnic tables and grassy areas for relaxing and many other amenities. It will open in early 2013.

About USO San Diego

USO San Diego is an organization with a mission to enhance the quality of life of the U.S. Armed Forces personnel and their families worldwide and to create a cooperative relationship between U.S. military communities and involved or supporting civilian communities. USO San Diego is a

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non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. More information about the USO is available at www.usosandiego.org.

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law in 2003 to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region's long-term air transportation needs. San Diego International Airport generates some \$10 billion in annual economic impact for the region.

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