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### **General Aviation Airport Planned for Austin**

HOUSTON -- (October 1, 2007) – Houston businessman and pilot Ron Henriksen attracted national attention when he privately funded and built Houston Executive Airport. Now, Henriksen is spreading his wings to Central Texas with the purchase of Bird's Nest, a general aviation airport. Bird's Nest is a public-use airport conveniently located on the new State Highway 130, 12 miles northeast of downtown Austin.

"General aviation airports are disappearing around the United States," said Henriksen. "Hundreds of airplanes were displaced when Austin's Robert Mueller and Austin Executive Airports were closed. I want to help solve the serious shortage of general aviation facilities in Central Texas."

The current facility has a sod/asphalt runway with several T-hangars and terminal facility. Henriksen said the first order of business is getting the facility in working order.

"My immediate intent is to put some life back into the facility, and to serve the general aviation crowd for Austin and Central Texas," said Henriksen. "I am looking forward to bringing those operations back to the area," he added. Henriksen's plans include building a new entry road to SH 130, repaving and lengthening the runway, paving a ramp area with aircraft tie downs, building additional t-hangars, installing airport lighting, and installing a fuel facility.

Houston Executive Airport Executive Director, Andrew D. Perry, A.A.E. explained that the State of Texas has been trying to restore general aviation capacity to the Austin area for over a decade. "The new and improved Bird's Nest will not only help Austin-area pilots, but will improve aviation infrastructure for pilots throughout the state," said Perry.

More information about the airport is available by contacting Andrew Perry at 281-945-5415 or through [www.HoustonExecutiveAirport.com](http://www.HoustonExecutiveAirport.com).

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