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TRIBBLE & STEPHENS TO BUILD SOUTH WALLER COUNTY AIRPORT

South Waller County Airport developer WCF, LLC and project engineer Garver Engineers have selected Houston's Tribble & Stephens as the general contractor for the first phase construction on the airport located between Brookshire and Katy. Preparatory site work has begun and construction to convert the existing private airport to a public access airport, and initially pave 4,500 feet of runway, will begin later this month. The airport is expected to open in January 2007 and is designed to cater to business aviation. As the airport grows, plans call for the runway to be extended to 7,000 feet to accommodate larger business jets.

"We conducted an exhaustive search for the best people to build this airport and we are very pleased to add Tribble & Stephens to our team," said WCF principal Ron Henriksen. Tribble & Stephens was formed in 1968. The Houston-based construction company has built more than 2,700 projects totaling over two billion dollars in 15 states, from Florida to Nevada. Company principals Jay Tribble and James Stephens are both active pilots and the company has used business aircraft as an integral part of its operations for decades. "Houston has needed another business aviation airport on the west side for a long time," Jay Tribble noted. "We are excited to be a part of such a great project. The country loses dozens of airports every year, but building new ones is very rare and I don't know of another airport built without tax dollars in the last 20 years."

"A tremendous amount of business is conducted on Houston's west side and the economic corridor along Interstate 10 is moving further west every day," spokesman Drew Coats explained. "But today, much of Houston's business aviation traffic operates out of the increasingly congested air carrier airports, William P. Hobby and George Bush Intercontinental Airport. Just as the Collin County Regional Airport in McKinney has become a business aviation center for companies doing business in Plano and Dallas, we

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are ideally positioned to provide a gateway to the west side of Houston for companies currently forced to use the air carrier airports.” Coats noted that the 1,980 acre South Waller County Airport site is significantly larger than other comparable airports, which will provide a natural buffer between the airport and neighboring property, afford plenty of room for development in future decades and also facilitate non-aviation light industrial development.

Additional information about the airport is available at www.SouthWallerCountyAirport.com. For more information about the South Waller County Airport, or to arrange interviews please contact spokesman Drew Coats at 281-945-5444.

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