



Adams County Communities and Denver Announce New Regional Pact to Drive Job Creation at and around DIA



Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock and city leaders from Adams County, Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City, Denver, Federal Heights and Thornton opened a new chapter in cooperative business development and job creation for Denver International Airport and the region it serves.

Culminating more than two years of discussions, officials unveiled the first major amendment to the original 1988 intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) that enabled the creation of DIA and guide commercial development there.

The pact, which will require approval from voters in Denver and Adams County

communities this fall, sets the stage for continued job creation and economic opportunity regionally for decades to come, while strengthening the global competitiveness of DIA, the entire metro area and all of Colorado.

Adams County, Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights and Thornton participated in the discussions that led to the agreement as members of the Airport Coordinating Committee (ACC).

Under the new agreement:

- Denver and Adams County communities would create a 1,500-acre pilot program on DIA to allow a wider spectrum of commercial uses than is currently permitted under the original 1988 IGAs. For example, the pilot program clearly would allow uses such as retail, office parks, warehouses and manufacturing even if they are not directly related to airport operations or aviation.
- Adams County and Denver would evenly split tax revenues generated from the new commercial uses on these 1,500 acres. ACC members have set a formula to apportion the Adams County share of revenues among themselves.
- Denver also would provide Adams County with an upfront payment of \$10 million, to be divided among Adams County communities based on the same formula.
- DIA would retain all of the lease revenue from these new commercial businesses.
- The 1,500-acre pilot program could be expanded with approval from the ACC.
- Denver and Adams County communities would create a regional entity to jointly market these new commercial business opportunities at DIA and the region, and possibly over time, plan, fund and develop regional infrastructure.
- Land-use restrictions also would be lifted on property on the edges of the airport. These “clear zones” were initially created as a buffer around DIA but there is now consensus that the restrictions are no longer needed. Adams County and overlapping municipalities would receive 100 percent of the tax revenue from new development in the clear zones, while DIA would retain the lease revenue.
- DIA would not seek new commercial businesses that would compete with the nearby Anschutz Medical Campus and Fitzsimons Innovation Campus in Aurora.

The agreement requires approval from the Denver City Council and Adams County Board of Commissioners and would take effect following ratification by voters in

Denver and Adams County communities. Voters will be able to inspect the agreement and learn more about it before Election Day on Nov. 3, 2015.

The original 1988 agreements paved the way for the relocation of overcrowded and outgrown Stapleton International Airport. DIA opened on its current 53-square-mile site in 1995.

As part of the 1988 IGAs, Denver and Adams County made commitments that ensured Adams County and its cities would join Denver in reaping benefits from DIA.

The agreement announced today builds on those commitments and will strengthen the regional economy. Over the past 20 years, DIA has become Colorado's No. 1 economic engine, driving more than \$26 billion into the regional economy each year and supporting a workforce of about 35,000 people, about half of whom live in communities in Adams County.

Statements from Leaders of Communities that Participated in the Agreement:

ACC Chair and Adams County Commissioner Erik Hansen:

"Working through the complexities of this historic agreement with all of the stakeholders opens a new era for the ACC members and Denver. We were able to find common ground with jobs, regional growth and long-term benefit for our residents always at the core of the negotiations."

Adams County Commissioner Charles "Chaz" Tedesco (Chairman of Board of County Commissioners):

"This agreement protects the spirit and intent of the annexation that our residents voted for in 1988. This agreement ensures that all Adams County residents will benefit from the potential that development around DIA presents."

Adams County Commissioner Eva J. Henry:

"While ultimately the voters will decide whether to adopt this agreement, it is exciting to think about the jobs and other opportunities it presents for the entire region. DIA has been a catalyst for growth and this agreement has the potential to bring shared prosperity to all of the stakeholders."

Adams County Commissioner Jan Pawlowski:

"It's reassuring to know that the spirit of regionalism is alive and well in the metro area. There are few agreements where everyone at the table comes away feeling successful; this is one of them."

Adams County Commissioner Steve O'Dorisio:

"We believe that this agreement lays the foundation to attract world-class businesses. The hard work that went into crafting this agreement sends a clear message to potential investors that all stakeholders will go to great lengths to ensure success."

Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan:

"From day one, we have viewed DIA as an enormous opportunity for economic development, not only for Aurora, but all of Colorado. While the negotiation was

complex and took time to reach, it is good news for all of our communities. This agreement will allow us to take full advantage of the enormous economic development and job creation opportunities that deliver tangible benefits for area residents. Because of the hard work of all the jurisdictions in coming to this agreement, the future of Adams County, DIA and the entire region is stronger, brighter and more exciting.”

Brighton Mayor Richard McLean:

“After several years of negotiations, we are pleased with the level of cooperation that has allowed us to reach this agreement. We trust that our residents, too, will see the economic growth opportunities that will come with the expansion of the Denver International Airport and vote to support this agreement this fall.”

Commerce City Mayor Sean Ford:

“Commerce City has been planning land uses and infrastructure to support airport-related development for more than two decades. That’s why city council supports today’s agreement that not only benefits the entire region, but also our residents. Commerce City borders DIA to the west and the north, less than 10 minutes from DIA’s main terminal. Today, the city has nearly 12 square miles of available land directly bordering the airport and several mixed-use projects underway. We look forward to working with all parties to advance infrastructure, land planning and marketing efforts that will reaffirm our collective position in the global marketplace.”

Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock: “This historic agreement will have a seismic impact on metro Denver’s competitive edge in the global marketplace. Not only has our region come together once again to take hold of our shared future, but we are setting ourselves on a trajectory abundant with opportunity. I’m immensely proud of where we stand today because I know the possibilities we are creating for Colorado’s economy. By coming together to forge this new agreement, Denver and the communities of Adams County are providing certainty and clarity for the businesses seeking to locate on and around DIA, and the result will be significant economic development both on and off DIA. Together, we are marking a new era of regional cooperation, job creation and economic prosperity.

Thornton Mayor Heidi Williams:

“The city of Thornton is pleased to see the culmination of over two years of negotiations end positively and in a manner that will set the stage for all residents of Adams County to share in the creation of jobs, businesses and the revenues generated by these businesses on DIA property.

Learn more about airport related business opportunities by visiting DIA’s [“Future Opportunities”](#) webpage or contacting the DIA Commerce Hub at Diacommercehub@flydenver.com or calling (303) 342. 2351.



Opening Date for the New Westin Denver International Airport Hotel Announced

DIA and the Westin announced that they will officially open the Westin Denver International Airport, Denver's newest world-class hotel and conference center, at 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, 2015. The 433,000-square-foot, 14-story hotel, with 519 guest rooms, will serve as a modern day oasis for both business and leisure travelers at the fifth-busiest airport in the United States.

On June 1, 2015, airport officials, city government members, hotel contractors and leaders, and the public witnessed the unveiling of the alluring model of a Westin Denver International Airport hotel's guest room. Situated in the southern part of Level 5 in the terminal building and adjacent to the security check point, the guest room model attracts the curiosity of many would be customers.

The "Opening Day Countdown Clock," located above the doors leading from the terminal to the new public plaza, feeds the anticipation for celebrating this historic addition to DIA.

"Adding a state-of-the-art hotel and conference center to our international airport places our region front and center as a leader in travel, transportation and tourism," said Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock. "We now look to the completed vision of a commuter rail that will soon connect DIA to downtown Denver, creating additional economic opportunities along the Peña Boulevard corridor stretching to our city core."

The architecturally inventive hotel, designed entirely with walls of towering, shimmering glass, overlooks both the mountains and DIA flight paths, and is part of Denver's new Hotel and Transit Center program. Building upon imagery of flight and aviation, the sleek form resembles a bird with wings extended, framing and accenting the acclaimed tent-like roof of Jeppesen Terminal. Floor-to-ceiling windows make up an entire wall of every one of the hotels' 519 guest rooms (including 35 suites) and offer expansive views of Denver's signature Rocky Mountains and Colorado's high plains.



"We are thrilled to be delivering our brand promise For A Better You to Denver International Airport before the busy holiday travel season begins," said Tom Curley, general manager of the Westin Denver International Airport. "As one of the fastest growing cities in the country,

Denver is primed to soon have a hotel with refreshing ambience that allows the

traveler to feel well while on the road, as well as a conference and transit center that will connect more people with everything the Rocky Mountains have to offer.”

Offering revitalizing comfort and innovative technology, each room has one of Westin’s signature Heavenly® Beds and Heavenly® Bath amenities, including the Heavenly® Shower. The 37,000-square-foot conference center is one of the few above-ground conference centers located at an airport, and will feature a grand ballroom, junior ballroom, and 15 additional meeting/board rooms, for a total of 19 meeting rooms. The meeting space also boasts a 10,000-square-foot prefunction area that showcases a panoramic three-story floor-to-ceiling glass wall that is approximately 100 ft. wide, providing a light and airy unique meeting space. The views are equally impressive from the top-story pool and WestinWORKOUT® Fitness Studio, located in the “saddle” of the building.



Each room in the Westin Denver International Airport hotel has one of Westin’s signature Heavenly® Beds. This bed was on display for the announcement of the hotel’s opening in November 2015.

In addition to the hotel and conference center, there will be an 82,000 square foot open air public plaza that will become Denver’s newest venue for entertainment and relaxation and will create a community connection between the airport and downtown Denver through special event programming by Denver Arts and Venues.

“Denver International Airport’s new Westin hotel, transit center, commuter rail connection and open air plaza will bring new amenities to our passengers that will enhance their experience and help us remain competitive,” said airport CEO Kim Day. “We look forward to November when we can share this new experience with passengers and show them why sleeping at the airport just become ‘heavenly’.”

DEN's Airport Infrastructure Maintenance Division Updates Airport Guidelines and Policies



DEN's AIM Division recently updated the tenant finish manuals: *Airline Requirements for Design* and *Design Review Committee Standards and Procedures*. The Design Standards manuals containing *Standards and Criteria*, *Electronic Data Collection and Interchange (EDCI)*

Compliance, along with *Structural*, *Electrical*, *Mechanical*, and *Architectural* requirements, have been revised as well.

You can find the airport's distinct contract elements and requirements for construction and professional services construction related contracts on the flydenver.com "[Business Services](#)" link and clicking on "[Business Requirements](#)."

Learn more about airport related business opportunities by visiting DEN's "[Future Opportunities](#)" Web page or contacting the Commerce Hub at Diacommercehub@flydenver.com or calling (303) 342-2351.

DIA's Commerce Hub Offers "Navigating the Legal Issues of Doing Business" Session

"Navigating the Legal Issues of Doing Business" session is scheduled for Friday, July 31, 2015, in the airport's City Conference Room, Jeppesen Terminal West, Level 6. The session will discuss the legal issues that all concessionaires and construction companies face when doing business at DEN. Participants will gain an understanding of the local, state and federal regulations that impact their business operations at DEN.

The Commerce Hub Business Education and Support Training (BEST) provides opportunities for our business partners to learn about the requirements needed to succeed in aviation contract work.

BEST topics are designed to highlight contemporary airport business issues and brings forward information, strategies, and tactics needed to succeed in aviation commerce. Subject matter experts from the airport and business community share operational practices and values for succeeding in the unique aviation business environment.

Please visit the DEN [Commerce Hub](#) webpage for upcoming registration information, or click on the Eventbrite link: <https://navigatelegalden.eventbrite.com>

2015 Biennial of the Americas—An International Festival of Ideas, Art and Culture

The 2015 celebration will attract and engage dynamic thinkers, artists and innovators from across the Americas. The Biennial of the Americas opens in Denver July 14-19, with programming continuing through August 30, 2015. The Biennial of the Americas is a festival of ideas, art and culture hosted in Denver, Colo., on alternating years. The community is invited to participate in the Biennial of the Americas, and many of the exhibits and events are free.



During the opening week festival, daily performance events precede evening symposia and late night events celebrate the opening of Biennial venues. A full schedule is now available on the [Biennial of the Americas](#) website.

Opening week of the 2015 Biennial of the Americas is July 14-19. Art exhibitions, installations and cultural programming will continue in the Denver area through August 30, 2015, in conjunction with partners and collaborators across Denver and the Front Range.

Read more about this exciting and entertaining event by clicking on [link](#).



The City of Denver Office of Economic Development [online business resources](#) list many informational links containing strategies to expand your business reach and horizon. The city understands that Denver's small businesses will become the larger businesses of tomorrow—generating job growth, building supply chain needs and creating returns for investors.

The newly established “Commons at Champa” offers one-on-one help to not just startups but small, growing firms as well. Come and take advantage of a host of business educational development services sure to increase your business platform and visibility. It's all free, and you can walk in—or make an appointment—as you prefer. Here's our [Summer 2015](#) schedule and contact information.

OED@Commons is located at the Commons on Champa, 1245 Champa Street in Denver. It is an extension of the City of Denver Office of Economic Development. For additional information on resources available for Denver companies, please contact Tim Martinez [tim.martinez@denvergov.org or (720) 913-1642]. Learn more about us at www.denvergov.org/oed.

Airport Business Opportunities—At Your Finger Tips

Denver International Airport posts business and contract opportunities on its website, flydenver.com. Remain informed about airport current business opportunities and upcoming business activities by visiting the [Business Center](#) webpage. Complete the [Concessions](#) and [Project](#) application forms to be electronically notified of contract announcements.

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