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Ms. Christine Cochran  
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South Suburban Airport Program Office  
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Dear Ms. Cochran:

This letter is in response to your request for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) review of, and concurrence with, the May 11, 2004, Projections of Aeronautical Activity for the Inaugural Airport Program: South Suburban Airport. We understand this document was prepared along with the on-going development of the Illinois Department of Transportation's Airport Master Plan for the proposed South Suburban Airport (SSA).

Based on consultation with the FAA's Systems Analysis and Policy Division, we agree with your forecast of aeronautical activity for the SSA. We believe the document projects passenger demand and aviation activity at reasonable levels and outlines the risk associated with a proposed new start up airport such as SSA.

We look forward to working with you as you continue to develop the SSA Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan. Both of these plans will provide important information needed for FAA's preparation of the Tier II Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

  
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