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The "Next Generation Aviation Research Park" took a major step forward toward a 2009 groundbreaking with the FAA executing the Master Lease for the 55 acre Park with the South Jersey Economic Development District (SJEDD) it was announced today. The SJEDD is charged with the responsibility of developing the Research Park which is envisioned to create some 2000 new technology jobs that will, among other initiatives, support the development of the next generation air traffic control system. "NextGen", as it is commonly referred to, is a paradigm shift of converting the old radar based air traffic control system to a satellite based system.

The District is moving forward with the project as it has already applied for its development approval with the Pineland Commission and its sewer extension permit with the Egg Harbor Township MUA.

Gordon Dahl, Executive Director of the District stated that we are pleased that the FAA came through with the Master Lease in a timely fashion as it now allows us to have meaningful discussions with potential Park tenants. He further stated that the SJEDD has received tremendous cooperation from all the agencies involved with this project and the overwhelming support of the congressional team, including Congressman Frank Lobiando.

The FAA's William J. Hughes Technical Center will play a critical role in the NextGen initiative. A project fact sheet has been prepared by the FAA and is available at http://www.faa.gov/news/fact_sheets/news_story.cfm?newsId=10340.

The South Jersey Economic Development District is a federally funded regional agency established in 1979 to promote economic development in Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, complementing and coordinating county and state development initiatives.

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