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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport to Improve Runway Safety.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS..... Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, through a Federal DOT grant, will be upgrading ground safety by installing Runway Guard Lights (RGLs) at the intersections of its two main runways and taxiways. On July 8, 2010 the airport was awarded a \$328,466 U.S. Department of Transportation grant to install runway incursion devices on the airfield. The FAA Runway Safety Action team recommended the addition of RGLs during their April 2009 evaluation of Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. The grant monies have been received and construction will begin late summer and should be completed by November 1, 2010.

The RGLs are used to raise the awareness of pilots as they approach an intersection of a runway from a taxiway. RGLs are alternating flashing amber light bars on each side of the taxiway at the “hold short” location to the runway. The alternating flashing lights are another visual reminder for pilots and vehicle operators to pay special attention to crossing the runway. The installation of the RGLs will increase safety and significantly reduce the chance of runway incursions between aircraft and vehicles at these intersections.

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ABOUT ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAPITAL AIRPORT

Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport is one of the fastest growing regional airports in the Midwest with a passenger growth of 13% in the first 6 months of 2010, and a passenger growth of over 5% in 2009, despite a nationwide trend of decreased enplanements. Currently, United and American Airlines have multiple, daily flights to Chicago's O'Hare International. Direct Air offers seasonal flights to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Ft. Myers/Punta Gorda, Florida. Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport is home to the Passenger Service Center, the only on-site airport operated customer service center in central Illinois, and Sky Club, an unparalleled level of service for frequent travelers.

More information, including a complete listing of arrivals and departures can be found online at www.FlySpi.com or by calling the Passenger Service Center at 217.788.9200.

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