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### **LEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY HOSTS DELEGATION FROM POLAND AND UKRAINE IN FORT MYERS**

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Nov. 17, 2008) – The Lee County Port Authority (LCPA) hosted a delegation of senior airport officials from Poland and Ukraine, who were in the United States on an orientation visit sponsored by the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA), on Nov. 13-14, 2008. The purpose of the visit was to familiarize the Polish and Ukrainian representatives with U.S. airport construction and improvement projects, technologies and best practices in advance of the 2012 European Football Championships. Poland and Ukraine were selected as host countries for the event and are planning significant investments in airport infrastructure.

LCPA, operator of Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) and Page Field General Aviation Airport (FMY) in Fort Myers, Fla., was one of three airports in the United States selected for a site visit. The other two airports visited were the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and the Houston Airport System.

The LCPA leadership team presented information about numerous projects including Southwest Florida International Airport's Midfield Terminal Complex, Runway 6/24 and Taxiway A Rehabilitation and Baggage Handling System Enhancements. Discussions were also held about future construction projects such as the RSW Parallel Runway project. The delegation toured the facilities at RSW and FMY as part of the visit.

Euro 2012 is the 14th European Championship for national football teams sanctioned by the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA).

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency advances economic development and U.S. commercial interests by funding various forms of technical assistance, early investment analysis, training, orientation visits and business workshops that support the development of modern infrastructure and a fair and open trading environment.

The facilitator of the delegation was The Louis Berger Group, who has been involved in the planning, design and construction management of highways, railroads, bridges, airfields, seaports, dams, water supply systems, environmental mitigation projects and cultural preservation projects throughout the United States and in 140 countries.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 8 million passengers during 2007 and ranks among the top 50 airports in the U.S. in terms of passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. To learn more, visit [www.flylcpa.com](http://www.flylcpa.com).