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BASE OPS AT PAGE FIELD OPENS AUG. 31, 2011

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Aug. 31, 2011) – Base Ops at Page Field is officially open for business as of Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011. The 22,613-square-foot new terminal is located at 5200 Captain Channing Page Drive, on the west side of the airport, off of Fowler Street. This complex replaces The Aviation Center on Danley Drive.

Base Ops offers first-class services and amenities for passengers and crews, an executive conference room and seminar facility, easy access from runways with a new parallel taxiway, 600,000 square feet of ramp space with exclusive business aircraft parking and a 24,000-square-foot itinerant aircraft hangar.

Page Field (FMY) was a World War II fighter and bomber training base and then served as the region's commercial airport until Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) opened in May 1983. In 2010, FMY handled more than 78,000 aircraft operations and it also serves as a reliever airport for RSW. Currently, 320 aircraft, eight corporate hangars, nine businesses, two flight schools, two flying clubs, two detailing companies, Lee County Emergency Medical Services, and law enforcement agencies including the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, State Fire Marshal and Department of Fraud call Page Field their full-time home.

A 2009 economic impact study, conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation, showed that Page Field supports 1,000 jobs and contributes more than \$94.5 million to the region's economy on an annual basis.

"I am proud of Page Field and its economic impact on the region," said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "Our rich military history is represented in the design of the terminal, yet the entire project is state-of-the-art and will meet the future needs of general aviation in Lee County."

Lee County Port Authority operates Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction and both airports are funded solely with revenue generated from their operations. For more information, please visit www.flylcpa.com.