



**Contact Information:**  
**Gene Conrad (417) 334-7813**  
**[gconrad@flybranson.com](mailto:gconrad@flybranson.com)**

## **Branson Airport Fact Sheet**

### **Overview**

- First privately-financed and operated commercial service airport in the United States
- Scheduled to open May 11, 2009, the Branson Airport will allow for direct air service to one of the fastest-growing destination resort communities in the world
- Initial projections are for 500,000 passengers annually—growing to more than 1.5 million within 5 years

### **Location**

- The Branson Airport is located on 922 acres, just off U.S. 65 within the Branson Creek development in Taney County, MO, approximately 8 miles south of the center of Branson

### **Financing**

- Total project cost is \$155 million (includes private equity and bonds)
- The airport will expand the scope of the project to meet additional demand in the future

### **Economic Impact**

- \$209 million in new revenues to the Branson Lakes regional economy
- \$77.5 million in payroll earnings
- 3,299 jobs supported

*-more-*

### **Advantages of Being Privately Funded**

- The airport can grant initial development rights to airlines
- Business model is not hindered by the municipal process
- The airport can strike creative, unique deals with vendors and concessionaires, including the ability to offer naming rights and brand extensions throughout the facility

### **Runway and Facilities**

- Single 7,140 foot-long, 150 foot-wide runway with partial parallel taxiway and Class D airspace
- Air Traffic Control tower staffed by FAA contract personnel between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. daily
- 58,000 square foot terminal that will ultimately be able to handle 1.4 million passengers with further expansion capabilities if demand warrants.
- General Aviation facility with hangars for based aircraft as well as an executive terminal with pilot lounges and meeting areas
- Jet A, 100LL de-icing facilities and aircraft maintenance
- ILS approach to Runway 32 and GPS approaches to with vertical guidance to Runway 14 and 32 and AWOS
- Complete auto rental and ground transportation services

### **Construction**

- Construction began in July 2007 and is scheduled to be completed by May 9, 2009
- The project is one of the largest runway construction projects in the U.S in recent years
- More than 11 million cubic yards of earth have been moved, making the airport the largest earth-moving project in the State of Missouri
- A 2.9 mile access road with two bridges begins at the end of the Branson Creek development
- The project includes enough concrete to build a 4'-wide by 2'-deep sidewalk from Branson to Atlanta

*-more-*

## *Branson Airport Fact Sheet*

- Project partners include:
  - Aviation Facilities Co. of McLean, VA—overall development
  - Burns & McDonnell of Kansas City—designer
  - McAninch Corp. of Des Moines, IA—construction contractor
  - DeWitt & Associates of Springfield, MO—terminal construction contractor

### **Leadership**

- Steve Peet, CEO
- Jeff Bourk, AAE, Executive Director
- Gene Conrad, Deputy Airport Director, Marketing and Air Service Development
- Jeremy Berven, Deputy Airport Director, Operations and Maintenance

### **Administrative Offices**

Branson Airport Offices

110 West Adams St. Suite 204

Branson, MO 65616

(417) 334-7813 Office

(417) 334-2190 Fax

[www.flybranson.com](http://www.flybranson.com)