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Museum of Flying Ground Breaking Ceremony

Santa Monica, CA –January 19, 2011 -On Friday, January 21, 2011 at 10:30 am, a ceremonial ground breaking event will be held at the future Museum of Flying location at 3100 Airport Avenue, Santa Monica 90405. The ceremony will be attended by David G. Price, Chairman of the Museum of Flying, Santa Monica Airport Director, Robert Trimborn, and members of the Museum of Flying Board of Directors and Capital Campaign Cabinet.

In April 1989, the Museum was opened on the north side of the Santa Monica Airport. When the Museum temporarily closed in 2002, the collection and many of the aircraft were stored in hangars at the Santa Monica Airport or were loaned to other museums.

The Santa Monica Airport was the birthplace of the Douglas World Cruisers, the first aircraft to circumnavigate the globe. This led to the company slogan "Round the World First, First the World Around." In the early 1930's, the Santa Monica Airport witnessed the first flights of the famous DC-3 Aircraft that virtually changed the field of commercial aviation and air travel worldwide.

In order to provide the public access to the wealth of history and education that only the Museum of Flying can offer, the Museum's leadership began a long-range strategic planning process to reopen the Museum. The resulting plan calls for remodeling and expanding an existing building to provide ample space to exhibit an impressive collection of aircraft, artifacts, aviation art, and expanded educational offerings with hands-on interactive exhibits. The property is located directly adjacent to the DC-3 Monument that was completed in 2009.

The Museum will feature nearly two-dozen aircraft chronicling the history of flight, from a Wright Flyer replica all the way to aircraft from the jet age.