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Oakland International Airport To Get New Restaurants, Retail Shops With Award Of 12-Year Contract to HMSHost

Oakland Board of Port Commissioners unanimously approves exciting, innovative concessions program offering local favorites and nationally recognized brands

BETHESDA, MD, JULY 21, 2006 – HMSHost Corporation, a world leader in travel food, beverage and retail concessions has been awarded a contract to build and operate food & beverage, retail and duty free concessions at Oakland International Airport. HMSHost won the Oakland award, a new airport in its operations, through a competitive RFP process that included five of the industry's top domestic and international firms. Scheduled to start this fall, the contract carries a total term of 12 years and is expected to generate revenues for HMSHost in excess of \$675 million. Total contract sales including subtenants are expected to reach \$900 million over the life of the agreement.

"Oakland International is known for its low fares, on-time flights and easy access," said Anthony Batarse, the newly appointed president for the Oakland Board of Port Commissioners. "Soon, travelers will also recognize the airport as a transportation hub that offers a variety of quality choices that satisfy their needs for quick food or dining and beverages, and for purchasing gifts, newspapers, books and magazines, ranging from nationally recognized brands to our very own East Bay-based brands."

This contract brings HMSHost to Oakland for the first time, and the new concession program will showcase the city's creativity and diversity to honor Oakland's rich culture. Oakland is California's seventh largest city and the most ethnically diverse city in the United States. The airport and its 12 major domestic and international airlines, including Southwest and JetBlue, served 14.4 million passengers in 2005. This fast-growing passenger base will have 19 popular local food & beverage and retail concepts that are sure to please, including:

- **Everett & Jones Barbecue** – With a focused, down-home menu for the fast-paced airport environment, this local icon will be a perfect choice for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

- **Genova Delicatessen & Ravioli Factory** – An Oakland institution on Telegraph Avenue for over 80 years, serving fresh sandwiches and Italian dishes at affordable prices.
- **Restaurant Peony** – Authentic, high quality Chinese cuisine from the heart of Oakland’s Chinatown.
- **The Oakland Tribune News** – All of the latest news and gifts provided under the iconic building logo of the city’s 130 year old newspaper.
- **Vella’s Locker Room** – There are few things that say “Oakland” more than the Raiders and we are proud to bring this East Bay success story to the airport.

“We thank the Port of Oakland for this opportunity to deliver this innovative and world-class food, beverage and retail concession program to Oakland International Airport,” said Elie W. Maalouf, HMSHost President & CEO. “We promise outstanding new dining, shopping and guest experiences that will please and excite the airport’s travelers.”

Other local concepts include ***Heinold’s First & Last Chance Saloon, Fenton’s Creamery, Otaez Mexican Restaurant, and Silver Dragon Restaurant.***

Joining the lineup of popular local favorites are the following exceptional national brands – ***Starbucks coffee @, Chili’s, Burger King, Subway, California Pizza Kitchen ASAP, Palm One, See’s Candies, Quiznos Sub, and Gordon Biersch Brewery.***

“We view Oakland as a leading transportation network and establishing this new partnership with the Port of Oakland to develop these new facilities is truly exciting for us” said Patrick Banducci, Vice President of Business Development for HMSHost.” It is especially gratifying because of the strong East Bay flavor we have included in our restaurants and retail stores.”

About HMSHost

HMSHost is world-renowned for designing and implementing innovative concession plans that enhance the travel experience. The company operates in more than 70 airports globally, including 18 of the 20 busiest airports in North America. HMSHost has annual sales in excess of \$2.0 billion and employs more than 26,000 associates worldwide.

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Autogrill S.p.A, HMSHost and the rest of the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in travel concessions. With sales exceeding \$4.0 billion, Autogrill is present in 29 countries with over 4,500 points of sale in 979 locations (including 138 airports and 645 motorways) where 51,000 employees serve over 800 million customers every year.

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