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25 DENVER PARKS & RECREATION EMPLOYEES WILL WORK SEASONALLY AT DIA

Denver, Colorado – September 29, 2009 – In an effort to become more efficient Citywide, 25 Denver Parks & Recreation employees began training this week and will work full-time at Denver International Airport for the next six months.

The employees will work at the airport under a “shared services” partnership between the City’s departments of Aviation and Parks & Recreation. Much of the work will involve snow removal that was performed last winter by a contractor, Snow-Go, whose contract was not renewed.

“This is a great opportunity for both agencies,” Aviation Manager Kim Day said Monday. “It fills an important need for the airport, while allowing us to preserve city jobs.”

The partnership saves city positions that might have been subject to layoffs in what is normally a slow time for Parks & Recreation workers. The employees also will work alongside DIA maintenance workers, performing light trade work such as changing filters, etc.

“By following the same model as ski areas – we created a shared services partnership that ramps up park staff during our summer high season and ramp up the airport’s staff during their winter high season,” said Kevin Patterson, Manager of Denver Parks and Recreation. “This model allows both agencies to work more efficiently and most importantly, allows us to retain 25 veteran employees.”

The seasonal reassignment of the Parks & Recreation workers will save the agency approximately \$700,000. The money invested by the airport would have been allocated to the Snow-Go contract.

Kim Day and Kevin Patterson, will meet with the employees Wednesday morning, **September 30 at 8 a.m. on the 6th floor terminal of DIA** to thank them for taking part in the cooperative effort and welcome them to the airport team.

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