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St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) Receives Excellent Annual Safety Review by the Federal Aviation Administration for it's 11th Consecutive Year

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) successfully passed its annual Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Safety and Certification Inspection with no discrepancies, marking its 11th consecutive year without a single deficiency.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires all U.S. airports providing commercial airline services to comply with Federal Aviation Regulations Part (FAR) 139 at all times. FAR Part 139 serves to ensure safety in air transportation and defines the standards within which an airport must operate on a daily basis.

The FAA Certification Inspector focused on runway safety, pavement marking and lighting, safety inspections, wildlife management records, aircraft rescue and firefighting, and many other aspects during the two-day assessment. The inspector performed day and night-time inspections of the airfields and also tested safety and operational processes, including emergency response.

"Passing the FAA safety and certification inspection is a significant accomplishment made possible through dedicated and collaborative efforts by the PIE staff. We focus on safety every day of the year," said Thomas Jewsbury, Airport Director. "I am extremely proud of their outstanding work."

PIE served approximately 1.25 million passengers in 2014, a 23% increase over the prior year. Aircraft operations are diverse at PIE with over 80% general aviation operations; over 10% military operations, including the world's busiest Coast Guard Air Station; cargo operations, and rising commercial air service.

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