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August 16, 2005

Federal Aviation Administration (AEE-1)
Office of Environment and Energy
Attn: Mr. Carl Burleson - Director
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Burleson,

It is with great enthusiasm and confidence that I am writing you to request PARTNER/NAPWG consideration of Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport (MSP) as a follow-on test site for the Continuous Descent Approach (CDA) test work that has been conducted at Louisville International Airport (SDF). On August 15, 2005 the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), a fifteen member commission that directs the development and operation of MSP, unanimously voted to forward this request to your attention. I am sending a similar letter to Dr. Ian Waitz – Director of PARTNER.

As I am sure you are aware, MSP has a long history of noise mitigation efforts. In addition to spending over \$300 million on noise mitigation in the communities around the airport, the MAC has evaluated and implemented several operational procedures to reduce the impacts of aircraft operations on residents. As such, the MAC and communities realize the noise reduction benefit that departure and arrival procedures can offer and are enthusiastic about the approximate four to six decibel reduction in arrival noise impacts offered by CDA.

Given the long history and experience at MSP with evaluating and implementing noise abatement procedures, and the community awareness relative to the benefit of such initiatives, MSP should be seriously considered as a CDA test site.

I would like to thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to the possibility that MSP will be selected as a CDA test site.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Hamiel
Executive Director
Metropolitan Airports Commission

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