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**Walker Applauds County Department of Transportation and Public Works;  
*Renovation of the Airport's Concourse D Receives Two Major Awards***

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN – Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker announced today that the recently completed renovation of the Concourse D stem at General Mitchell International Airport received two major awards. On a national level, the project was selected as one of the American Public Works Association's **Public Works Projects of the Year** for 2007 in the Structures \$2 million to \$10 million category. Closer to home, the same project was selected by the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Public Works Association as one of the **Wisconsin Public Works Projects of the Year**.

The project, under the direction of Milwaukee County Director of Transportation and Public Works George Torres, added 7,120 sq ft to the concourse and created new ground-level boarding gates used by passengers of Midwest Airlines' commuter service, Midwest Connect. The project also:

- enlarged airline gate seating areas, and widened the corridor between gates
- created two, two-story atriums with floor-to-ceiling windows that let in more natural light
- remodeled & added food, beverage and retail areas
- added a children's play area, children's restroom and ADA-compliant family restroom
- showcases the work of local artist Richard Taylor

Milwaukee County's partners on the renovation project included local firms Plunkett Raysich Architects, construction manager Gilbane Building Company, and contractor Pieper Electric.

Walker said the timing of the renovation coincides well with new southeastern Wisconsin initiatives to draw business investment to the region. "The bright, spacious new gates highlight what makes this such an easy, efficient airport," said Walker. "Mitchell International serves as the front door to our region."

Airport Director Barry Bateman added that the architect, construction managers and contractors did an outstanding job of phasing this major renovation to keep the concourse fully open for passenger boarding.

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