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## **O'Hare Modernization Program to Host Third Public Outreach Session**

October 24, 2003 --- The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) will host a third public outreach session on Wednesday, October 29, at the Fountain Blue Banquets and Conference Center, 2300 Mannheim Road in Des Plaines, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. City representatives will be on hand to discuss the refinements made to the final Airport Layout Plan that was submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on October 14, and the public will have another opportunity to provide written comments on the Plan.

"The Federal Aviation Administration has not at any time requested major changes to our plan to modernize O'Hare," said OMP Executive Director Rosemarie S. Andolino. "The FAA's comments were only technical and found no significant flaws with the proposed future airfield. This Final Airport Layout Plan is essentially the same plan Mayor Daley announced in June of 2001," added Andolino.

The city submitted the draft ALP to the FAA last December.

As with prior meetings, the public will have the opportunity to provide written comments. Information about the final ALP, as well as a comment form, is also available on the O'Hare Modernization Program Web site at [www.ohare.com](http://www.ohare.com).

Nearly 400 federal, state and local elected officials, agencies and civic and business organizations were notified by mail of the public outreach session. In addition, notification of the public outreach session was sent to area newspapers.

The O'Hare Modernization Program will create 195,000 jobs and generate an additional \$18 billion for the region's economy each year. Modernizing O'Hare will improve the efficiency of the airfield, reducing weather related delays by 95% and overall delays by 79%.

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