



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner

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## **Aerodrome Certifications of ADAC as a continuation of the "Sister Airport" partnership between the CDA and ADAC**

The ADAC officials met with CDA Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino and several staff members during the two-day working trip. They observed many aspects of O'Hare International Airport, including the airport's state-of-the-art Regional Fire Training Facility; ongoing construction on the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP); and the Federal Aviation Administration North Air Traffic Control Tower.

The ADAC officials also learned more about the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) and participated in discussions about management of airport construction, recycling, water, power, emissions and wildlife hazards.

Swan commended the CDA for fostering a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship with ADAC allowing the airports to learn from each other operationally while keeping sustainability in mind. "The CDA's successful delivery of many sustainable elements such as green roofs, LED lighting technology as well as solar panels at the airport shows commitment to sustainability while staying on mission," he said. "I also found the testing of the FOD [foreign object debris] technology to be an excellent tool with great benefits keeping runways safe," he added.

Fechney was particularly interested in the on-airport training facility for emergency personnel and the aircraft fire simulator giving fire fighters hands-on experience in simulated emergencies. "This is extremely valuable in preparing emergency personnel," he said. "I will discuss further with our emergency response teams at our airports."

Both officials will participate in the further development of the SAM chapters that cover planning, operations, maintenance, concessions and tenants. Earlier this year, Commissioner Andolino led a team of Chicago aviation officials to Abu Dhabi as part of the Sister Airports Agreement at the invitation of ADAC. The working trip was entirely sponsored and funded by ADAC.

The CDA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ADAC on October 15, 2009, establishing O'Hare International Airport and Abu Dhabi International Airport as "Sister Airports."

The agreement outlines a process for the airports to share technical, commercial and environmental best practices, and establish committees to work cooperatively on a wide range of issues.

For more information on ADAC, please visit [www.adac.ae](http://www.adac.ae).  
For more information on the Sister Airport agreement please visit the "News" section on the CDA's website, [www.FlyChicago.com](http://www.FlyChicago.com).

The SAM integrates airport-specific sustainable planning and practices from the design process through construction, operations, maintenance, and all airport functions and those of its tenants into one manual for green airports. For more information on SAM, please visit [www.airportsgoinggreen.org](http://www.airportsgoinggreen.org).

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit [www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com) to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit [www.airportsgoinggreen.org](http://www.airportsgoinggreen.org).

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit [www.oharemodernization.org](http://www.oharemodernization.org) to learn more about the OMP.

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