

A nighttime photograph of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority tower, a tall, cylindrical structure with a glass-enclosed observation deck at the top, illuminated against a dark blue sky. The tower is surrounded by airport infrastructure, including a parking lot with several cars and a road with long, curved light trails from moving vehicles. The scene is captured in a long-exposure shot, creating a sense of motion and activity. The overall color palette is dominated by the deep blues of the night sky and the warm yellows and oranges of the artificial lights.

# moving at the speed of flight

Columbus Regional Airport Authority  
2011 Annual Report





touching thousands  
of lives every day

## more than runways, airplanes and cargo


The Columbus Regional Airport Authority's mission is to connect Central Ohio with the world. While the mission sounds simple, achieving it is anything but easy. It takes collaboration and coordination to make a positive impact on the community and those we serve.

The Airport Authority's activities touch thousands of lives every day at Port Columbus International, Rickenbacker International and Bolton Field airports. We are constantly looking for ways to make those lives a little easier, a little more productive and a little more connected.

But we are not just about runways, airplanes and cargo. Air service is a complex driver and reflection of a community's economic success and growth potential. What we do translates into jobs, partnerships, environmental stewardship and economic growth – all the things necessary to create a strong and vibrant community.

We are honored to help carry out the Airport Authority's mission and to provide this overview of our achievements. We think you will see that when it comes to meeting the growing needs of our community, we are moving at the speed of flight.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Board of Directors  
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## it's all about connections

Every day at Port Columbus, we provide people with more than 22,000 airline seats to 33 nonstop destinations.

Every month at Rickenbacker, more than 11 million pounds of cargo move between trucks and aircraft, linking businesses with the goods they need in an increasingly fast-paced marketplace.

And every year at Bolton Field, thousands of aircraft land and depart, connecting Central Ohioans to both business destinations and recreational activities.

# connecting with the world





# driving our local economy


## fueling economic progress

We're not just a service provider. We're an economic driver that helps keep Central Ohio vibrant.

Consider that Port Columbus, Rickenbacker and Bolton Field airports generate nearly 30,000 jobs resulting in \$793.1 million in annual payroll and \$2.7 billion in annual economic activity.

We also help keep the local economy moving with improvement and expansion projects. In all, our capital expenditures have totaled nearly half a billion dollars since 2005, with \$100 million in improvements during 2011 alone, including a new inline baggage handling system.





## leveraging diversity

Diversity and inclusion help drive community progress. They also drive business success. At the Airport Authority, diversity and inclusion are how we do business.

We aggressively recruit minority employees for all levels of employment across the organization. We host networking events for small and minority companies to partner with larger companies on important projects.

And we actively seek partnerships with businesses that share our appreciation for diversity. HMSHost, the premier food provider at Port Columbus, partnered with community businessman Robert E. Lee, III, to open the first airport-based Tim Hortons in the United States.

inclusion makes  
us stronger



# PORT COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

doing things  
the right way

## environmental stewardship

The Airport Authority has a dual responsibility as a steward of public assets and as a steward of the environment. That's why, before committing resources to an energy or environmental initiative, we ask three questions: Is it affordable? Is it sustainable? Does it offer a good return on our investment? That formula has kept us constantly moving forward on appropriate environmental improvements.

For example, we recently installed 344 LED fixtures on the Port Columbus arrival and departure drives, yielding a savings of 577,000 kilowatts of electricity per year while tripling light levels and reducing maintenance. Every year, we divert more than 260 tons of glass, paper, bottles and cardboard from area landfills through our recycling program. And we're transitioning to alternative fuels to power shuttle buses that serve passengers who use Port Columbus' long-term parking lots.





## a community in motion

The Columbus Regional Airport Authority and its nearly 400 employees are constantly looking for ways to make a positive impact on Central Ohio. That's why every year we contribute to organizations that make a difference in the quality of life for our neighbors.

For example, our employees volunteer to support student horse rides at the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. They serve as guest readers at East Columbus Elementary, where employees also volunteer for special events such as the annual science fair and craft days.

Every year, employees provide more than 7,000 meals to the hungry through donations to Operation Feed. And they donate to United Way of Central Ohio – nearly \$250,000 to date.

keeping pace  
with the community







## port columbus international airport

Millions of travelers "Go Easy" each year by taking advantage of Port Columbus' low fares, nonstop flights, easy access, affordable parking and many other conveniences.

A balanced market share by the nine airlines serving Port Columbus keeps airfares competitive. Inside the terminal, free Wi-Fi and access to hundreds of convenient power sources create a virtual business lounge throughout the airport. Food and retail offerings are continually updated to meet the evolving needs of travelers.

Landscaping enhancements, ever-changing art exhibits, a large video wall and curb-front improvements demonstrate a commitment to the softer side of traveling. The 2013 opening of the relocated south runway will allow simultaneous arrivals and departures, thereby greatly expanding airport capacity so that generations to come can "Go Easy."

helping travelers  
"go easy"





moving a world of  
cargo to key destinations

## rickenbacker international airport

As one of the world's few cargo-dedicated airports, Rickenbacker International Airport offers an uncongested option for the movement of international cargo to and from key North American customers.

The airport serves as a critical logistics component of Rickenbacker Inland Port, which provides unparalleled access to highways that stretch across the nation as well as a state-of-the-art intermodal terminal. A home base for established importers and exporters, the area is crucial to the operations of some of the state's leading logistics providers.

Rickenbacker is also positioned for growth, with ample development opportunities remaining to sustain decades of future success – and to keep goods moving at the speed of flight.







## bolton field airport

Bolton Field complements the Airport Authority's continuum of air services by hosting corporate and recreational activities, allowing Port Columbus and Rickenbacker to accommodate expansion in their respective specialization areas.

Bolton offers recreational and business users uncongested airspace as well as 90 hangars and multiple aircraft tie-down locations – attractive features for business aviators and private pilots.

Located onsite at Bolton Field, Capital City Jet Center provides local and transient pilots valuable services such as aircraft maintenance, charter flights, aircraft rentals, aircraft refueling, flight training and more. Bolton Field is also home to the Columbus State Community College Aviation Maintenance Program, which helps develop a continual supply of talent for the aviation industry.

supporting business  
& recreational flying





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