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Ford International Airport Participates in JumpStart Program

The Kent County Department of Aeronautics, as part of its ongoing air service retention and development efforts, recently participated in the annual JumpStart Air Service Development Program, sponsored by Airports Council International – North America. The annual JumpStart Program, held this year in Pittsburgh, PA, is a one-day forum that affords participating airlines and airports the opportunity to meet in one-on-one, prequalified, 20-minute meetings to discuss passenger air service issues and opportunities of mutual interest.

“Participating in JumpStart each year is an important step in the process of establishing and building relationships with the airlines and members of the respective airline route planning staffs,” notes Jim Koslosky, A.A.E., executive director of the Kent County Department of Aeronautics. “In cooperation with our community partners, we continue to work on several fronts to retain existing passenger service and attract complimentary, sustainable air service to the West Michigan market.”

Gerald R. Ford International is the second busiest airport in Michigan, and ranks among the top 15% of busiest airports in the U.S. The airport currently serves approximately 2 million passengers annually.

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