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### CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES AIRPORT TRANSITION IS COMPLETE AS IT RECEIVES OPERATING CERTIFICATES FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

WINDSOR LOCKS, CONNECTICUT – July 1, 2013 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce that, as of today, the management, development, and operation of Bradley International Airport and the five state-owned general aviation airports – Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham – are under the control and leadership of the CAA.

“This is a great day for aviation in the state of Connecticut, as the CAA was created to advance our airports and allow them to serve as catalysts for economic development. I look forward to the continued success of this new agency”, said Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

Mary Ellen Jones, Chair of the CAA, said, "The CAA's mission is to make Bradley and our five general aviation airports even more attractive. We understand the critical role that these airports play in advancing the regional economy and we intend to ensure that they serve as primary economic drivers.”

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the CAA, said, “We are looking forward to advancing the route development and customer service goals of the Authority. Working together with Governor Malloy and the CAA Board, we are excited about capitalizing on additional opportunities to continue to enhance business development throughout Connecticut and the surrounding region.”

The CAA’s Bradley International Airport is the second largest airport in New England and serves an extensive geographic area, with a customer base that covers the entire Northeast, including Western Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey. According to the most recent economic impact analysis, Bradley International Airport contributes \$4 billion in economic activity to the state of Connecticut and the surrounding region, representing \$1.2 billion in wages and 18,000 full-time jobs.

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state’s five general aviation airports. The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut’s airports, specifically Bradley International Airport, more attractive to new airlines and bring in new routes, which supports Connecticut’s overall economic development and growth strategy.