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### **AIRPORT CHANGES ENSURE PASSENGER AND EMPLOYEE COMFORT WHILE ENABLING FUTURE GROWTH**

Improvements at Brunswick Golden Isles Airport encompass everything from the entrance to the main terminal building. The site plan is designed to facilitate ease of use, not only by passengers but also by those who use the facility on a daily basis.

A new entrance and circulation road improves traffic flow to the passenger drop-off areas in front of the new building. Trellises and a covered walkway provide shelter for airport visitors in front of the terminal and to and from the parking area. Long- and short-term parking areas have been expanded, with space for nearly 280 passenger vehicles and an additional 240 rental cars.

As passengers enter the terminal, they proceed to the ticketing area, immediately inside and to the right of the main entrance. After check-in, passengers may proceed to the security screening area and from there to the arrival/departure lounge. The enlarged screening area is located behind a glass partition to ensure passenger privacy and comfort.

The arrival/departure lounge features furnishings and finishes similar to those in the main hall, and incorporates semi-private desk areas where travelers can check phone

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and e-mail messages. The entire terminal features wireless Internet access, as well as plasma viewing screens showing area information and airport updates. A private meeting/conference room is available for business meetings.

A walled courtyard on the terminal's west side offers a pleasant exterior place for visitors to eat and relax as they wait to meet and greet arriving passengers. The lushly landscaped space provides a view of the tarmac so that meeters and greeters can see passengers board and deplane.

“This is a very unusual feature for airports, and responds to changes in airport security,” said project architect Martin Wander, AIA, of Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. “The courtyard provides a visual connection with arriving and departing planes, for people that have not passed through security screening. You just don't find that in most airports.”

The main hall also features a full-service food area, which was lacking in the previous building. Two large display cases feature exhibits that highlight works by local artists and artifacts and information celebrating the airport's beginnings as Glymco Naval Air Station.

For airport and Federal employees, an expanded baggage screening area has been located behind the ticketing area, to ensure efficient handling of checked items. A new parking and maintenance area for rental cars has been constructed and screened from public view. Cosmetic changes have been made to the airport fire station, to make it compatible with the main terminal building. Employee offices and lounges have been expanded and improved.

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The new terminal building allows for easy expansion, Wander says. “We wanted to create a space that handles today’s needs and those of the future. The large main hall with additional spaces on the sides allows us to expand in the future with minimal disruptions to terminal operations. We also designed the building to withstand heavy wear and tear on a daily basis, as well as hurricanes and other significant weather events. The terminal also employs the latest security systems and exceeds all security standards.”

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