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***Gary / Chicago International Airport to Hold
Grand Opening of East Corporate Hangar***

(Gary, Indiana – August 12, 2019) – The Gary / Chicago International Airport (GYY) will unveil its new East Corporate Hangar at a ribbon cutting celebration this **Friday, August 16th at 4:30 pm.**

Members of the GYY Airport Authority will be joined by City of Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson and Nick Popovich with Sage-Popovich, Inc and several dozen local business and aviation professionals as well as community leaders for a ceremonial ribbon cutting at the airport. Following the ceremony, attendees will be invited to tour the new hangar. A private reception will follow the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The nearly 25,000 square foot, \$1.3 million East Corporate Hangar is GYY's newest facility enhancement. In November 2018, Indiana-based Sage-Popovich, Inc signed a 10-year lease to occupy the new hangar. The new hangar further solidifies GYY's position as the region's premier mid-sized airport and will further drive growth and opportunity for the airport and its users.

- What:** Ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion and grand opening of the East Corporate Hangar at the Gary / Chicago International Airport
- Who:** Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, City of Gary
Timothy Fesko, Chairman, Chicago / Chicago International Airport Authority
Duane Hayden, Executive Director, Gary / Chicago International Airport
Nick Popovich, Sage-Popovich, Inc.
- When:** **Friday, August 16th 2019**
4:00 pm (doors open)
4:30 pm (event begins)
- Where:** Sage-Popovich Operations Hangar
5101 Airport Road
Gary, Indiana 46406
*** All media should park in the airport's main parking lot and follow signage*
- Interviews:** **Speakers will be available after the event for questions**

Additional Background

Since 2014, GYY has experienced significant private and public sector investment, spurring significant operational and revenue growth. The opening of the East Corporate Hangar is the latest such investment and major service enhancement at the airport, which includes the following:

- Gary Jet Center opens a new \$5 million LEED-certified hangar **(2014)**
- B. Coleman opens a new \$9 million state-of-the-art terminal and flight support facility (2014)
- GYY completes extension of the main runway from 7,000 to 8,859 feet **(2015)**
- B. Coleman announces 7-year year, up to \$20 million expansion plans **(2016)**
- Gary Jet Center opens new \$3 million terminal and administrative offices **(2017)**
- B. Coleman opens new \$5 million 40,000 square foot hangar **(2017)**
- GYY Authority Board approves construction of new \$2.5 million East Corporate Hangar **(2018)**
- U.S. Customs & Border Protection Facility opens allowing nonstop international flights **(2018)**
- Updated Master Planning process launches **(expected completion in 2019)**

During this time, GYY has also partnered with local, state and federal partners to rehabilitate Airport Road, remove unnecessary rail line and bridges and improve airport infrastructure.

About Gary/Chicago International Airport

Located minutes from the shores of Lake Michigan and just 25 miles from downtown Chicago, Gary/Chicago International Airport (GYY) is a full-service airport and a premiere destination for corporate and weekend flyers in the Chicago metropolitan region and Northwest Indiana. To learn more, please visit the airport's website at www.FlyGYY.com or follow it on Twitter [@GaryChiAirport](https://twitter.com/GaryChiAirport) and on Facebook [@gciairport](https://www.facebook.com/gciairport).

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