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Fitzgerald, Airport Authority Board Introduce Christina Cassotis as New CEO

PITTSBURGH – Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and members of the Allegheny County Airport Authority today introduced Ms. Christina Cassotis as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, which operates the Allegheny County Airport and the Pittsburgh International Airport. The Airport Authority Board will hold a special meeting this afternoon to formally vote to hire Ms. Cassotis.

“I’m thrilled to announce Christina Cassotis as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Allegheny County Airport Authority,” said Fitzgerald. “In the past year, we have seen new airlines and destinations come to Pittsburgh International. With Christina on board, we will continue to build on those successes and work to attract even more flights to support our region’s business and leisure travelers. She is energetic, engaged and excited about the opportunity to grow our airport and we look forward to seeing her efforts come to fruition in this coming year.”

Previously, Ms. Cassotis was Managing Officer of ICF SH&E’s Airport Services Practice for seven years after serving in prior positions as Vice President and Director of the practice. During her 16 years with the firm, she created new market-leading service and product offerings and created and led competitive strategies for clients in the areas of air service, customer service and revenue enhancement. She began her career in transportation working for the Massachusetts Port Authority which operates Logan Airport. Ms. Cassotis holds an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management and a BA from the University of Massachusetts. She is a member of the Airports Council International/World Business Partner, the International Association of Women in Aviation, and is a founding member of MIT Sloan, Women’s Initiative.

“Christina was definitely the most outstanding candidate that we interviewed,” said Authority Board Member and County Council Member Jan Rea, Chair of the Search Committee. “She has experience with both domestic and international flights, strong relationships with airports and airlines alike, and has experience in airport operations. Additionally, she has a background in marketing and promotion and is extremely well thought of in the airline industry. We look forward to having her on board.”

The Airport Authority began its search in April 2014 with the assistance of a search firm. Its nationwide search led to the review of 12 resumes, interviews of four candidates and a round of second interviews for three of the candidates. The process was led by the Authority’s Search Committee which consisted of Authority Board Members Jan Rea (Chair), Cindy Shapira, Tony Bridge and Dennis Davin.

“I am honored and humbled to be given this amazing opportunity,” said Cassotis. “I look forward to building on the growth and success at Pittsburgh International Airport and working with the community to make the airport the best it can be.”

Ms. Cassotis and the Authority have agreed to a three year contract, with an additional two year option, with a base salary of \$295,000. She will assume her new position in January 2015.

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