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Williams Gateway Airport Continues To Attract New Business

MESA, Ariz.-. Gateway Logistics de Mesa LLC recently received approval from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to open a container freight station and to serve as a bonded carrier at Williams Gateway Airport.

“Our mission is to have a first rate container freight station and bonded carrier service at Williams Gateway,” said *Gateway Logistics de Mesa Managing Partner Phil Austin*. “Our goal is to provide traditional warehousing and cargo distribution in an expeditious, time sensitive manner during and after the customs clearance process.”

A container freight station is a secure area or facility approved by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to receive and sequester imported cargo while awaiting inspection from U.S. Customs agents prior to its transport within the borders of the United States. Gateway Logistics de Mesa will temporarily utilize an existing building at Williams Gateway, occupying over 600-square-feet of space and will grow as demand requires. A new 25,000- square-foot cargo facility is planned for completion in December 2004. At that time, Gateway Logistics will lease space in the new facility that will be located adjacent to the new seven-acre cargo apron. The planned cargo building will begin construction over the next few months and will be owned and constructed by Himovitz Properties.

“Williams Gateway Airport is poised to be the center of air cargo for Arizona,” *Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker* said. “We welcome Gateway Logistics de Mesa as a catalyst in the Airport’s business development efforts for international cargo service.”

Last year, Williams Gateway Airport received a matching \$100,000 marketing grant from the City of Phoenix. A large percentage of the grant money was earmarked for attracting cargo specific airlines to the Airport. With the support of the City of Phoenix and Sky Harbor International Airport, Williams Gateway is expected to be the region’s cargo growth airport. U.S. Customs also established a presence at the Airport in 2003. The Airport is owned and operated by the Williams Gateway Airport Authority that includes the Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert, Mesa and Queen Creek. For more information, contact Marie Frank at (480)-988-7606. General Airport information can be found on the Williams Gateway Airport Web Site - www.flywga.org.