



## **Leases signed for new hangar developments**

*New facility to alleviate nine-year wait for Valley aircraft owners; Boeing to expand*

MESA, Ariz. – December 19, 2005 –The Williams Gateway Airport Authority announced the signing of two significant leases for hangar facilities at its monthly Board Meeting today.

The new leases include an expansion of Boeing's facilities at Williams Gateway as well as a new general aviation hangar to be developed by Tucson-based HDH Systems.

Boeing will be leasing Hangar 37, an open-ended hangar at the southwest portion of the airport, as well as a small adjacent office building, starting in January 2006. The move represents an expansion of Boeing's Apache Reset program, which repairs and maintains active duty military helicopters. Hangar 37, built in the 1940's, is one of the original buildings from the former Williams Air Force Base and has been nominated to be on the National Register of Historic Places.

HDH Systems, LLC, a provider of high density hangar (HDH) solutions for individual and commercial applications, has signed a lease to develop *Wings Valet at Williams Gateway*. The general aviation hangar and aviation-related business complex will consist of an initial phase that will hangar up to 30 general aviation aircraft. To be located on the northwest side of the airport, the development is particularly significant for the Valley's general aviation aircraft owners, who currently face up to a nine-year wait for hangar space throughout the Valley's airport system. The facility is expected to break ground in late 2006.

“Both leases are significant in the continued growth of the airport. Not only do they bring us to 99 percent occupancy rate for available facilities but they also add to the more than 1,100 jobs and \$250 million annually in economic activity,” said Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Williams Gateway Airport Authority Chairwoman.

The new leases at Williams Gateway Airport come on the heels of past development agreements with Himovitz Properties, Phillips Aviation & Realty, and Cessna. Himovitz Properties is weeks away from completing a two-bay maintenance hangar and broke ground on another hangar this month. Phillips Aviation facility broke ground earlier this year in the northwest of the Airport, adjacent to the new Taxiway Foxtrot; it will accommodate aircraft up to a Boeing 737. Cessna is expected to break ground on its facility in 2006.

Williams Gateway Airport is owned and operated by the Williams Gateway Airport Authority, which includes the Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert, Mesa and Queen Creek. For more information, visit [www.flywga.org](http://www.flywga.org).

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