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Charleston International Airport Introduces Recycling Program

Charleston, S. C. - "The Charleston County Aviation Authority (CCAA) is excited to announce our recycling program at the Charleston International Airport Terminal Building. The Authority would like to thank Charleston County and their Environmental Management team and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) for their guidance and support as we developed our program," said David G. Jennings, chairman of the Authority.

In the nine short months that since our tenant and Authority offices have been recycling, we have already diverted over **90 tons** of trash from the landfill. Now with the generous donation of the recycling bins from DHEC we are able to offer our passengers and other airport customers the convenience of recycling in the public areas of the terminal. We have been waiting for this day for a long time and are excited to be one of the County's largest public entities to participate in their corporate recycling program.



Charleston County Government and DHEC staff have spent countless hours training our tenants and staff and fine tuning our program. The benefit of recycling for businesses is lower garbage cost. Solid waste costs are based on the weight of material generated, and the volume of garbage put out for collection. If a business separates materials for recycling, its solid waste fees and garbage collection costs will go down.

In March of this year, Charleston County Council voted to increase the recycling rate from 10 percent of what is currently being sent to the landfill and incinerator to 40 percent. Commitment from area businesses, such as the Charleston International Airport, to achieve the 40 percent recycling goal is necessary for success. Charleston County's Environmental Management Department can help businesses get started, and help us all to a greener future.

For more information on recycling in Charleston County, visit www.charlestoncounty.org or call 843-720-7111.