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AIRGLADES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT READED FOR TAKEOFF

FAA Deems Application “Substantially Complete”

AvPORTS, Star America to Operate and Invest

CLEWISTON, FL – In a flurry of activity signaling new progress in U.S. public-private partnerships in airport development, Hendry County, Florida and *Airglades International, LLC (AIA)* announced today that: (i) the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration had deemed its application under the Airport Investment Partnership Program (AIPP) to be “substantially complete,” with publication in the [Federal Register](#) today for a 30-day notice-and-comment period, (ii) it had selected *AvPORTS* as airport operator and *Star America* as a private investor and equity provider in a new all-cargo and perishable goods airport to be located at the current General Aviation Airglades Airport in South Florida, and (iii) Airport sponsor Hendry County, Florida had previously entered into a purchase and sale agreement with *AIA*, and approved this week the addition of *Star America* and *AvPORTS* to the project.

“Today’s actions represent a major boost to our long-term plans to develop a new state-of-the-art logistics complex that will dramatically reshape the efficient flow of perishable goods from Latin American producers to U.S. consumers, said Fred Ford, *AIA* President.” “Much more work still needs to be done,” said Ford, “but this airport represents a big win for consumers, airlines, and perishable suppliers, offering streamlined logistics to reduce cold chain disruptions, while reducing trucking and airport congestion.” Ford expressed appreciation for the cooperation *AIA* and the County have received from the FAA, Customs & Border Protection, Transportation Security Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture/APHIS.

Hendry County Administrator Jennifer Davis applauded the private infrastructure investment and potential jobs impact: “We couldn’t have come this far without the FAA and our private partners and their investment,” said Davis, “We’ll be upgrading our General Aviation facilities while bringing much-needed infrastructure improvement and jobs to support this innovative, perishable goods facility.” Davis noted that the County welcomes comments from the “broadest possible group of stakeholders” and [identified multiple locations in the County](#) for interested parties to obtain notice of the plans and encouraged parties to submit comments.

Aviation veteran Ford added: “We’re thrilled to select these experienced partners and achieve this significant FAA milestone.” Christophe Petit, President of *Star America* added, “We are delighted to be teaming up with Airglades International Airport for this very exciting project. *AIA* has an excellent management team and we believe that the project will have a tremendously positive impact for the County.”

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ABOUT US: *AIA, LLC* manages the current Airglades General Aviation airport and supported Hendry County in completing the AIPP application. *AvPORTS* (AFCO AvPORTS Management LLC) is an experienced full-service airport manager and operator across the US and owned by West Street Infrastructure Partners III, a family of infrastructure investment funds managed by the Merchant Banking Division of The Goldman Sachs Group. *Star America Infrastructure Partners* is an independent US headquartered developer and manager of primarily green-field infrastructure assets. Star America's track record includes infrastructure assets valued at approximately \$5 billion. Star America's mission is to become the preferred partner in rebuilding America's infrastructure. Website: <https://www.airglades.com/>