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GULFPORT-BILOXI REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF 44 HOMES IN THE 60 MILLION DOLLAR NOISE COMPATIBILITY PROGRAM

The Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority has completed noise insulation of 44 homes since the implementation of the Noise Compatibility Program that began in July 2006.

The Federal Aviation Administration approved the 60 million dollar project of the Noise Compatibility Program with an estimated time period for the total program of eight to ten years.

Approved Mitigation Measures:

- Residential Sound Insulation Program – Replacement of exterior windows and primary doors where necessary, and the possible use of acoustical storm windows over existing windows.
- Easement Acquisition Program – One time nominal fee payment to the homeowner of record in the amount of $3,000.
- Acquisition and Relocation Program – Voluntary acquisition of real estate property and the relocation of owner occupants.

The Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority has contracted W.D. Schock Company, Inc., to serve as the Program Manager and the Koch (pronounced Cook) Corporation as the contractor.

At this time 151 eligible homeowners have elected to participate in the Residential Sound Insulation Program and to date 44 homes have been completed. Approximately 700 more homes are eligible for this program. These homeowners will be contacted and offered the opportunity to participate as funds become available.

When Gulfport resident Michael G. Parmer was asked if he felt the program was making a positive impact in the community he emphatically said, "Yes, I believe the changes have improved the quality of living primarily in two ways, the value of our home has been improved with the new windows, doors and insulation, and with the current crunch of energy dollars, I expect our heating and cooling costs to decrease."

Another Gulfport resident, Kellie Smith was also asked if the program has had a positive impact to the community and she replied, "Absolutely, the noise level has been greatly reduced and the value of our homes has increased with the new windows and doors and the energy efficiency of the products are all positive."

"We are very pleased that the airport could sponsor this program in the community," said Bruce Frallic, Executive Director of the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. "We are delighted with the outcome of the project to date and the airport is committed to being a good neighbor in our community," said Frallic.

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