

# Press Release

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## **Nantucket Memorial Airport Celebrates Grand Re-Opening of Terminal with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

\$29 million project includes sustainable and energy efficient upgrades, becomes one of the first in the country to run on geothermal HVAC system

**Nantucket, MA** – The Nantucket Memorial Airport celebrated the grand re-opening of Memorial Terminal today after a 20-month renovation and expansion project. Hosted by the Nantucket Memorial Airport Commission, the event showcased the new design and celebrated the planning and execution of the project with the construction and engineering teams as well as the residents of Nantucket.

Nantucket Memorial Airport is a hub for one of just two methods of transportation to visit the island. The renovation was planned to significantly upgrade the airport in all aspects, with a modern design and amenities, all while maintaining the intimate environment for the more than 500,000 people that fly in-and-out of the airport each year.

The terminal was expanded by 23,000 square feet, including a 6,000 square-foot basement addition and 6,300 square feet of office airline space. All windows, roofing trim and siding were refurbished using much of the existing materials. New elevator and baggage handling systems were installed and the electrical and fire alarms and air conditioning system in the terminal were upgraded. New gift shop and car rental areas were also built.

“We are thrilled to unveil the newly renovated terminal at Nantucket Memorial Airport,” said Al Peterson, Manager of Nantucket Memorial Airport. “It has now been modernized to improve the passenger experience and serve as a greener, more efficient airport that can act as a guiding light for future airport renovations of this size.”

Overseen by Skanska USA Building, the project’s construction manager, these green features are highlighted by the terminal becoming one of the first in the country to run on an HVAC geothermal system, which extracts power from heat stored in the earth instead of relying on fossil fuels. In order to minimize fuel and electricity usage and costs, tankless water heaters and low-flow toilets and bathroom sinks were installed.

Additionally, one-hundred percent of the replaced floor and roof surfaces, and 50 percent of the wall surfaces, were re-used in the renovation.

“Working to implement and execute green initiatives was a top priority for the renovation of the terminal,” said Paul Hewins, Executive Vice President/Area General Manager at Skanska USA Building. “Geothermal power is cutting-edge technology for airport terminals. We hope this project will serve as a model for future airports seeking to become more energy efficient and environmentally friendly.”

The renovation and expansion project totaled \$29 million. The Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission funded \$12 million and the Federal Aviation Administration paid for \$11.5 million of the project. The remaining portion was paid for by Nantucket Memorial Airport.

Skanska USA Building also served as project manager for the redevelopment of Delta Air Lines’ Terminal A in 2005 at Logan International Airport where they oversaw the replacement of an outdated, 33-year-old terminal into a 661,000 square-foot world-class facility that was the first airport terminal in the world to receive LEED certification. The new Terminal A green construction process included the use of recycled materials, natural lighting, energy conservation plans, and alternative fuel sources. The terminal was transformed into a world class facility, and now operates as the first LEED certified airport terminal in the world.

Earth Tech Architecture, now AECOM, served as the project designer and designed both architectural and engineering components of the project. Jacobs, Edwards, & Kelcey served as the owner’s Project Manager. The town of Nantucket is the owner and the Nantucket Memorial Airport Commission is responsible for the custody, care, and management of the airport.

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