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## **BISMARCK AIRPORT ACHIEVES 3% PASSENGER GROWTH FOR 2009**

(Bismarck, ND)- The final numbers are in and airline passenger boarding data indicates Bismarck Airport had the third best year in its history. With total airline passenger boardings of 181,114, it marks a 3.1% growth over 2008.

Besides passenger growth, Bismarck Airport also received three (3) separate awards in 2009; one state, one regional, and one national. All recognized the hard work and dedication of the airport employees. "I am very pleased with the final numbers for 2009. They indicate we had another successful year," said Airport Manager Greg Haug. "We had a great year and we have more in store for 2010. It's going to be tough to top 2009, but we will certainly do everything we can to push for additional growth in 2010."

While the U.S. economy is in the midst of recovering from an economic recession, the news that the Airport continued to see increased boardings for the year shows people are still willing to travel; be it for leisure or business. Every year that passengers grow, it translates into direct and indirect benefits for the local community and surrounding region.