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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Community Development director joins the staff of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority, November 1, 2008.

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority is pleased to announce Mr. Jack Thomas is joining the Airport Authority's Senior Management Team as the director of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Community Development on November 1, 2008.

Mr. Thomas comes to the Authority from the City of St. Louis, Lambert-St. Louis International Airport where he held the position as Assistant Airport Director of M/W/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. Mr. Thomas possesses a Bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and over twenty-eight years of DBE and community development experience.

Airport Authority CEO, Dirk B. Vanderleest stated, "JMAA is very pleased to welcome Mr. Thomas to our Senior Management Team. Jack has a wealth of experience in dealing with the regulations and programs that support Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in the airport environment as well as in the City of St. Louis and surrounding areas. We are confident that Mr. Thomas will be an outstanding addition to our team and will greatly enhance our mission to support the community we serve."