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## CORDOBA CORPORATION SELECTED TO LAUNCH SAN BERNARDINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



San Bernardino - Inland Valley Development Agency (IVDA) voted in July, 2007, to approve a contract award to Cordoba Corporation for the performance of design and contract administration services for roadway, parking, and airport gateway monuments at the San Bernardino International Airport (SBIA). Cordoba will also be the lead construction management services for these infrastructure improvements.

The IVDA is a regional joint powers authority dedicated to the reuse of the Norton Air Force Base for the economic benefit of the surrounding area.

Cordoba Corporation is a civil engineering and construction management firm specializing in transportation, schools, and water infrastructure. This project is critical to the surrounding area because it will provide the first impressions for the

future commercial airport.

"The entryway and infrastructure circulation improvements will be developed in the context of creating an airport passenger experience that leaves a positive impression and sense of place, reflecting an image that stirs pride in the broader community served," according to Alex Estrada, Director of Redevelopment & Property Management at the San Bernardino International Airport Authority. The project's goal will be well-planned and appropriately designed roadway and parking facilities that enhance the image, aesthetics, function and economic value of the airport and the surrounding community providing opportunity for additional growth and investment around the airport, he said.

The roadway improvements consist of approximately two miles of roadways providing access to the

airport, and include widening and reconstruction. Those improvements will include drainage, traffic, utility adjustments or relocations, streetscape landscaping, signage and street lighting, sidewalks and ADA curb ramps as necessary.

The parking facility improvements will include two surface parking lots, totaling approximately 1,300 parking stalls and provision for future parking structures. Urban design will be a major factor in the design of the roadways, parking facility, and airport gateway monuments, as these elements will support a commercial airport.

The San Bernardino Airport project is the latest addition to Cordoba Corporation's growing presence in the Inland Empire. The engineering firm has offices in Los Angeles, Long Beach, Oakland and Orange County, and has critically reviewed the growth opportunities that the local region provides.

"The Inland Empire is a natural fit for us," says George L. Pla, President and CEO of the company, "Based on the infrastructure needs created by a

rapidly expanding population. These new residents will need more schools for their kids, increased transit options, and reliable supplies of water."

Cordoba Corporation is currently involved in the construction of water tunnels underneath the San Bernardino Mountains for the Metropolitan Water District's Inland Feeder Project, a 44 mile long water conveyance system that connects the State Water Project to Diamond Valley Lake and the Colorado River Aqueduct, and is being built to improve water quality and reliability for all of Southern California.

The Corporation has also recently become a sponsor of the Inland Empire Chapter of Advancing Women in Transportation. When asked whether Cordoba sees a long term strategy in the region, Pla responded, "Definitely. It's not a question of if the Inland Empire will become another population center, but how large will this economic engine grow." He is optimistic about the future of the Inland Empire and Cordoba, saying that "as the region grows, we want to grow together."