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## Airport COO Chellie Cameron Receives Prestigious Honor

*PHL executive recognized for her contributions to the transportation industry*

**PHILADELPHIA** – Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) Chief Operating Officer Chellie Cameron was a recipient of the 2015 *Women Who Move the Nation* Award presented by the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) earlier this month in Washington, DC.

The organization bestowed awards on women who were lauded for their contributions in public and private sectors of transportation, and Cameron was recognized in the aviation sector.

Selection criteria included demonstrated leadership, commitment to diversity and inclusion, advancement of minorities and women, and support of Historically Underutilized Businesses.

Cameron was appointed to the newly created position of Chief Operating Officer in December 2014. She reports to Airport CEO Mark Gale and is responsible for overseeing day-to-day functions of numerous Airport departments including facility operations and maintenance, information technology, asset management and planning, engineering, security, finance and budget, property and concession management, and the disadvantaged business enterprises program. Cameron came to PHL in 2011 as Deputy Director of Aviation, Finance & Administration after nearly 13 years with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

“This is a well-deserved honor for Chellie,” said Airport CEO Mark Gale. “She is a hard-working, smart, dedicated professional and our industry and our Airport have benefitted greatly from her expertise. It is a privilege to have someone of Chellie’s caliber on our executive team, and we are proud of her accomplishments.”

In a congratulatory letter to Cameron, COMTO Interim President & CEO Linda Jacobs Washington noted that “Your professional achievements and pioneering spirit have opened career paths for women across the country. It is rewarding to know that women like you are making great strides and setting an excellent example for generations to come.”

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“It is an honor to be recognized, and I want to thank COMTO for their commitment and work on behalf of women and minorities in the transportation sector,” Cameron said. “I am honored by the awesome leadership role that I have been entrusted with and I embrace it every day. It is humbling to realize, too, that I am in a position to serve as a role model to our PHL team members who aspire to leadership roles in our industry.”

Cameron holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a special concentration in economics and philosophy from the University of Notre Dame and a Master’s degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Auburn University at Montgomery. She was an active duty officer in the United States Air Force for seven years and rose to the rank of Captain while stationed in the U.S. and in Turkey.

This year, Philadelphia International Airport celebrates the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its commercial air service. In 1940, the Airport served 40,000 passengers flying to a handful of cities. Today, more than 30 million passengers travel annually to 131 destinations around the world.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.