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Contract Finalized for New Clinton National Airport Executive Director *Industry veteran brings expertise from five of the nation's most vital airports*

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (July 12, 2024) — The Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission has appointed Steven C. Baker as the new executive director of Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport (LIT), effective August 6. The airport commission unanimously approved Mr. Baker's hiring last month, and his contract has been finalized with an annual base salary of \$275,000 plus benefits.

Mr. Baker brings nearly 40 years of airline, real estate, and airport leadership experience to his new role. During his tenure as an executive at the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, he oversaw airline affairs, procurement, risk management, small business development, administrative services, concessions, real estate development, and revenue innovation for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport.

Mr. Baker began his career at United Airlines, working at its Chicago O'Hare International Airport Hub. Subsequently, he joined American Airlines and was responsible for leading the legal and financial team in developing Chicago's first international terminal. Mr. Baker later served as deputy general manager at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and as deputy aviation director for the Miami-Dade Aviation Department, which manages Miami International Airport and five general aviation airports.

He holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, a Master of Business Administration from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Cornell University.

"We are delighted to have Steve join us as the new executive director of Clinton National Airport," Bill Walker, chairman of the Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission, said. "His exceptional experience and leadership will be essential as we work with staff to expand the airport and build on the successes of our previous executive director."

"I am excited to serve as the next executive director of Clinton National Airport, and I appreciate the commission's confidence in me," Mr. Baker said. "I look forward to working collaboratively with the commission, the airport team, and the Little Rock community to advance the airport's role as a leading transportation hub and a key economic engine for the state of Arkansas."

About Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport

Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport is Arkansas' largest commercial service airport, with more than 2 million passengers annually. Little Rock's airport hosts six airlines with dozens of daily departures and nonstop service to 17 destinations. For more information, visit ClintonAirport.com.

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