

Joint News Release

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection Facility Completed at University of Illinois-Willard Airport

Savoy, IL (KCFI) – Flightstar Corporation announces the completion of a general aviation U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facility at the University of Illinois' Willard Airport. The state-of-the-art facility officially opened for service on Sunday, October 11th, and is now capable of clearing private aircraft, crew, and passengers arriving directly from international departure points.

Before the opening of this facility, all private aircraft arriving from international departure points were required to first stop at other ports of entry before continuing to KCFI. CBP will staff the facility with a CBP Officer from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Outside of those hours, services will be provided based upon CBP Officer availability.

“We are very excited for the completion and opening of the CBP general aviation facility,” says Willard Airport Executive Director, Tim Bannon. “The addition of CBP services will be an asset to both the airport and our community. This is the first time private aircraft traveling from international locations will be able to land directly at Willard Airport to complete international arrival boarder formalities. The airport has a strong partnership with Flightstar, who has fully funded the construction of the facility and will pay for ongoing operational costs associated with the CBP operations at Willard.”

Flightstar will be hosting an opening ceremony on Tuesday the 13th at 10:00 a.m. for the media and U.S. Customs and Border Protection representatives.

About Flightstar Corporation

Founded in 1978, Flightstar is an aviation service organization located at the University of Illinois-Willard Airport in Champaign, Illinois (KCFI). With over 112,000 square feet of hangar space, the company offers a wide range of services including a full-service fixed base operation (FBO), airline and general aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul operations (MRO), avionics sales with installation and repair, and world-wide executive jet charter with full aircraft management services. Flightstar proudly serves as a Bombardier Authorized Service Facility (ASF) for the Learjet 40, 45, 70, and 75 series of aircraft. Additionally, Flightstar operates as a Honeywell Authorized Service Center for the TFE731 series, HTF7000, and Honeywell APU.

With over 140 team members, Flightstar prides itself on providing world-class aviation services delivered with a Midwestern work ethic and highly personalized customer service.

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