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City selects firm to conduct Airport Governance Study

(Charlotte NC) The global managing consulting firm of Oliver Wyman has been selected to conduct an Airport Governance Study to provide review, analysis and recommendations regarding future governance of the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport. Based in New York City, Oliver Wyman has offices in more than 50 cities across 25 countries. Its Aviation, Aerospace and Defense practice has completed projects for firms in all areas of aviation, including airports, governments, passenger and cargo carriers, manufacturer's, service providers, and investors.

The independent review will include analysis and recommendations regarding the future governance of the airport to be used as information, context and a guide for decision making. The search and selection process was undertaken following a City Council action March 4, authorizing Interim City Manager Julie Burch to retain an aviation consultant to conduct the study. \$150,000 has been allocated for the study.

The Airport Governance Study will examine the following areas:

- Determine Drivers for Interest in Change of Governance
- Review and Assess Current Governance of U.S. Airports
- Review and Assess Peer Airports' Governance
- Examine Governance Transition Issues

As part of the study, Council approved the establishment of an oversight committee to provide guidance and feedback to the consultant, to ensure the study is objective and unbiased, and to monitor the progress of the study. Members of the Airport Governance Study Oversight Committee were appointed by Interim City Manager Burch, and represent several major stakeholders in the success of the Charlotte airport. Members of the committee include:

- Airport Advisory Committee Chair, Shawn Dorsch
- Charlotte Chamber, Frank Emory
- Charlotte City Council, LaWana Mayfield

- Charlotte Regional Partnership, Ronnie Bryant
- Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority, Tom Murray
- US Airways, Mike Minerva

The study will be completed by May 1. The study process will include three to four public meetings of the Airport Governance Oversight Committee, the first of which will be held **Thursday, March 21 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 266.**

There will be at least one meeting to gather broad input and comment from the community. The date for the public input meeting will be announced soon. City staff resources will be available to the consultant to provide information, data, technical assistance and context as needed.

The work being conducted by Oliver Wyman will be managed by Robert A. Hazel, a partner in the firm. Hazel has a background in aviation economics and commercial and regulatory issues, and is recognized as an expert on airports. Oliver Wyman was selected by an interview panel of three members of the Study Oversight Committee and City staff, including representatives from the Airport, Budget and Evaluation, and Finance.

For further information about the Airport Governance Study, visit <http://airportstudy.charlottenc.gov/>

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