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## Wind Turbine Company Relocating To KCI Airport



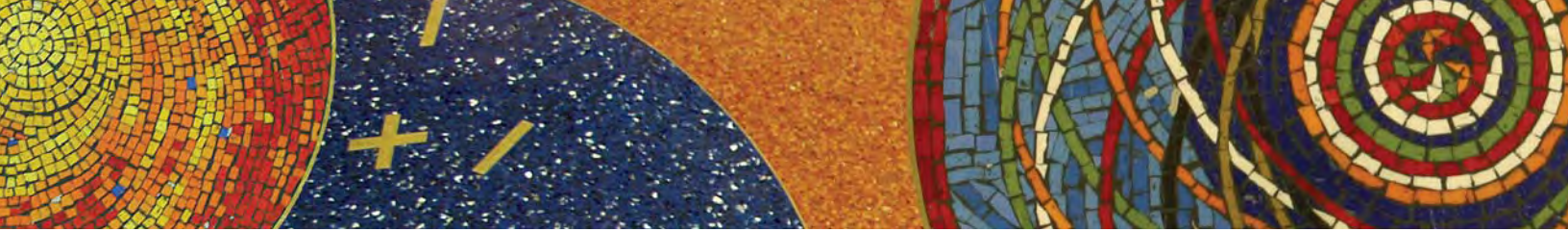
The Kansas City Aviation Department recently announced that Nordic Windpower USA will move its headquarters and wind turbine assembly operation to Kansas City International Airport. Nordic is a technology developer and manufacturer of two-bladed wind turbines for the rapidly expanding wind-generated electrical power market. The move is expected to bring more than 200 green industry jobs to Kansas City.

Nordic Windpower is a privately-held company with corporate headquarters in Berkeley, California, and its assembly facility in Pocatello, Idaho. The company plans to relocate its headquarters to a location to the Ambassador Building at KCI near the airport and its production and assembly operations to an existing location on the airport. The company will eventually move to a new building at the KCI Intermodal Business Centre on airport property, south of the former Overhaul Base and adjacent to Interstate 29.

In 2008, site preparation work began on Phase 1 of the 800-acre KCI Intermodal Business Centre, a multi-use development that is being managed by Dallas-based Trammell Crow Co. Now complete, Phase 1 offers infrastructure to support approximately seven buildings with nearly 2.7 million square feet of commercial space suitable for intermodal distribution and logistics as well as light manufacturing. Phase 2 calls for an extension of infrastructure to a contiguous 400 acres with frontage along two runways at KCI, making this area well suited for the development of air cargo facilities, manufacturing, assembly, industrial and commercial distribution space that need air-side access and larger spaces.

"Bringing Nordic Windpower USA onboard as a tenant is in synch with our objective of attracting compatible industries to KCI Airport, said Mark VanLoh, director of the Aviation Department. "By having a mix of aviation-related and non aviation-related businesses at KCI, Kansas City's job portfolio is diversified much like an investment portfolio. The resulting revenue lowers costs for airlines and can translate to lower fares for travelers."





## City Takes Ownership Of Overhaul Base

In recent weeks, American Airlines fully vacated the Overhaul Base at Kansas City International Airport. The base had originally been operated by Trans World Airlines beginning in 1954, but was later taken over by American Airlines. Since 2009, American has returned to the City of Kansas City, Mo. more than 1.7 million square feet of the facility, including the “narrow-body” hangars and other buildings. The airline remained in the dome-like “wide-body” hangars for a time, but then vacated them completely a few weeks ago.

As a result of local leaders’ commitment to get Kansas Citians back to work, areas of the base have been leased and work is already occurring. Frontier Airlines and Jet Midwest are conducting maintenance work in the narrow-body hangars and other buildings. The configuration of the narrow body hangars gives Frontier mechanics the ability to work on two aircraft at a time within the two bays. The move makes Kansas City the primary hangar maintenance location for Republic’s Embraer 170 and Airbus 320 aircraft. In addition to performing daily maintenance support of daily aircraft departures at KCI, mechanics can conduct overnight maintenance on one to three aircraft. In April 2010, Jet Midwest announced it would relocate its multiple U.S. locations to KCI. When fully established, Jet Midwest will operate an engine and aircraft maintenance and repair operation, among other approved ancillary functions. Jet Midwest and its related companies and affiliated partners will bring approximately 500 new jobs to KCI over a five-year period. In March 2009, the Aviation Department announced that Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. Corp. will assemble zero-emission, all-electric trucks in a portion of the Overhaul Base. SEV U.S. Corp. is using 80,000 square feet of Building 2. Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. Corp has developed a highly scalable assembly operation and supply chain to serve the emerging market for urban fleet operators seeking to deliver their goods and services in an environmentally sensitive manner. The effort to bring in tenants to utilize the space formerly occupied by American Airlines is part of an aggressive economic development approach at KCI that incorporates a mix of aeronautical and non aeronautical tenants and development.

## KCI Airport Service Station Expansion Complete

KCI Airport travelers can now enjoy the recently improved and re-opened airport service station. The \$1.2 million project began over a year ago and expanded the former Conoco 560 square foot facility to a 2,092 square foot modern convenience store offering a larger array of food, beverage and retail products. Additionally, a new canopy with a 10 fueling pump configuration eases traffic flow through the area. The facility still features three maintenance bays to continue to offering vehicle inspections, maintenance and repair services. The former customer and vehicle servicing parking area has also been increased from approximately 40,000 square feet to nearly 70,000 square feet. The new convenience store and vehicle service facility is now operating under the Phillips 66 brand name and is owned by Kathy Crum of KCI Car Care Centers, Inc.





## Snow Removal Equipment Keeps Operations Smooth

This year, KCI Airport has some new additions to its snow removal fleet that are sure to keep things running along during the winter months. The Custodial Division now has a small tractor type of vehicle that can push or blow snow, operates with all-wheel drive and has an enclosed cab. The addition is expected to allow staff better access to areas needing cleaning.

Field Maintenance's airfield "broom" trucks have all had their snow hoods modified. In addition, other airfield snow plows have had their hitch systems replaced with redesigned equipment. Both changes will better suit the precise driving maneuvers necessary when clearing ice and snow from runways. For the public streets at the airport, two new and larger trucks have been introduced to remove snow and dispense salt.

All the equipment changes were done in conjunction with the Fleet Maintenance division, saving on repair costs and time in the long run.

## Airlines Donate Holiday Flights

Earlier this month, more than 1,300 children and spouses of fallen military personnel flew via American Airlines and American Eagle flights to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex for an all-expense-paid getaway. The event is planned annually in conjunction with Snowball Express, a nonprofit organization established in 2006 to bring a few days of fun and friendship to families of military servicemen and women who lost their lives. The two airlines donated eight chartered aircraft and seats on select commercial flights for families traveling from Kansas City and 48 other cities to Texas. Airline employees hosted special send-off receptions at each of the departure airports that included decorated gates and aircraft interiors, refreshments and entertainment, and visits from Santa Claus. In addition, public officials across the country, including Kansas City's Mayor Funkhouser, proclaimed Thursday, Dec. 9, "Snowball Express and American Airlines/American Eagle Day."

American, American Eagle and the Snowball Express team, joined by hundreds of volunteers and sponsors, planned activities at a concert, rodeo, amusement park and more for the families in attendance. Snowball Express has no paid staff. It has approximately 25 volunteers who work year round on the event. Additionally, ninety-seven percent of all collected cash donations go directly to the event. For more information, visit [www.snowballexpress.org](http://www.snowballexpress.org).

## Carolers Entertain Holiday Travelers

To help celebrate the holidays and ease the stress of traveling, The Dickens Carolers performed at KCI Airport for several days leading up to Christmas. The four-piece vocal group, wearing Charles Dickens-era costumes, strolled throughout KCI terminal buildings singing holiday carols. The Dickens Carolers are in their 25th season of caroling with over 50 singers on staff.

## Travelers Can Turn To Warmer Destinations

New seasonal service began at KCI Airport this month on Frontier Airlines. The airline unveiled its non-stop service to Ft. Myers, Fla. and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The flights are expected to continue through mid-April. Additionally, Southwest Airlines has resumed nonstop service to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

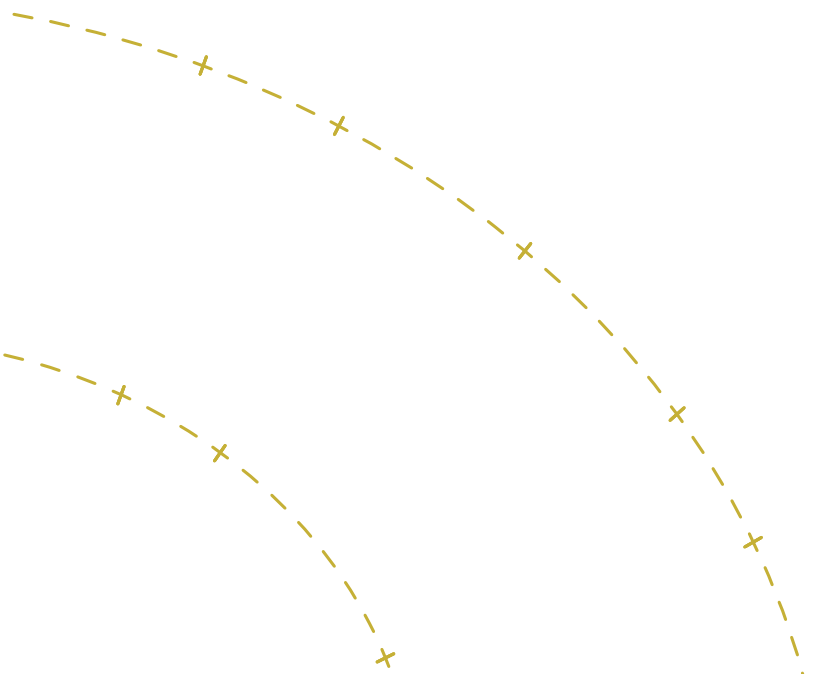




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## Shops To Offer More For Travelers

The New Year is ushering in new product lines at many of KCI Airport's terminal shops. CNBC News and Gifts as well as KC Marketplace stores are stocking a wider variety of apparel, more locally made confections and hot novelty items like "trillionaire" currency and peek-a-boo animal pillows. Some of the shops are also offering gift-with-purchase deals, jewel encrusted pens and KC landscape photo notecards taken by an area photographer. A line of Chiefs AFC West Championship clothing has been also been added for sports fans.

KCI's shops are run by The Paradies Shops and the dining areas are managed by HMS Host. All of the KCI Paradies stores offer the "Thanks Again" nationwide rewards program for frequent travelers.

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## Aviation Department Arrivals

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