



Orlando International Airport's \$41 Billion Economic Impact is the Highest in Florida



New statistics released by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) show that Orlando International Airport (MCO) generates more than \$41 billion of direct and indirect economic

activity annually for Central Florida.

That represents the highest amount of any airport in the state of Florida. The current Florida Statewide Aviation Economic Impact Study also showed MCO supported more than 343,000 jobs, also tops in the state. The highest-ranked commercial service airports are as follows:

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| 1) Orlando International Airport | \$41,128,183,000 |
| 2) Miami International Airport | \$33,195,200,000 |
| 3) Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International | \$20,803,987,000 |
| 4) Tampa International Airport | \$14,451,785,000 |
| 5) Southwest Florida International Airport | \$8,405,324,000 |

“Orlando International Airport’s diversity of international and domestic flights, along with proximity to the region’s key economic assets provide a dynamic catalyst for robust growth,” says Phil Brown, CEO of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority. “Global aviation benefits a multitude of sectors and is vital to the overall health of Central Florida’s economy.”

When the study was last conducted in 2014, Orlando International’s economic impact was estimated at \$31 billion. The 31% increase parallels MCO’s record passenger traffic of nearly 48 million annual passengers. The new study also ranks Orlando Executive Airport among the state’s top general aviation airports with an annual economic impact of nearly \$623 million.

FDOT began its updated study in October 2016 and completed it last month. The report estimates the annual economic impact associated with 20 commercial service airports, 100 public-use general aviation airports and 11 military aviation facilities. The comprehensive, statewide evaluation measures economic impacts in four primary categories: on-airport activity, visitor spending, industry reliance and military spending. It provides detailed analysis about how Florida’s airports connect people with businesses, support jobs, generate income and stimulate spending at the local, regional and state level.

Orlando International Airport supports the area’s thriving tourism industry and facilitates business travel and air cargo with more non-stop domestic air service than any other Florida airport, while serving more than 60 non-stop international destinations. Overall, Florida enjoys \$175 billion in economic impact from the aviation industry. This report represents the revenue, commerce and employment generated by aviation activity in the state.

To Read More: <https://ftnnews.com/aviation/36752-orlando-international-airport-s-41-billion-economic-impact-is-the-highest-in-florida>



About The FDOT

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on FDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.

About The Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with FDOT as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program. We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient. Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

Why Your Company Needs a Lean Building Program

Refine your workplace, eliminate redundancies, train staff to recognize & reduce waste in all business processes



As many companies look for ways to improve internal and external operations for the current surge in building, expansions and improvements, numerous programs like lean construction come to the

forefront with its proven effectiveness. The Lean Construction Institute (LCI) was founded in 1997, with a mission to improve the construction and design industries through Lean approaches to project design and delivery.

According to the LCI, lean methods seek to develop and manage a project through relationships, shared knowledge and common goals. Traditional silos of knowledge, work and effort are broken down and reorganized for the betterment of the project rather than individual participants. Furthermore, the elimination of wasted time, movement and human potential results in better time productivity, reduced safety hazards and cost savings to all parties involved in the project.

When a lean program is implemented on a construction project, the process incites actions that continuously enhance all functions and include all stakeholders, from the head of the company to the trade partners. It also applies to the processes, such as procurement, logistics and the cross-organizational lines into the supply chains.

By improving standardized activities and operations, lean strives to reduce waste. When done correctly, it also refines the workplace, eliminates redundancies and trains the staff to recognize and reduce waste in all business processes.

The method suggests a tempered approach to workers thus increasing productivity. The idea is to train the team as much

as it is to praise and encourage participation in lean activities.

Successful implementation requires the engagement of workers in the development, involving all levels of an organization to participate, from the chief executive officer (CEO) to everyday staff, as well as outside stakeholders.

Regardless of the contractual relationship, it is essential to drive innovation, collaboration and teamwork, as well as hold all stakeholders accountable for appropriate behaviors that support the mission and goals of each project. By adopting the core principles of Lean construction, this can be done effectively. The primary foundational values of lean—respect for people and the elimination of waste—create a consistent and productive atmosphere where safety, productivity, teamwork and flow can be significantly improved.

General contractors (GCs) take on the role as partner to the client to provide creative and adaptive planning, design and construction solutions that coincide with the clients' company culture, business and community.

That said, no two projects are the same, and helping clients choose the best project delivery method on a case-by-case basis is the key to success. With careful evaluation of the standards that are most important to each project's success, as well as an in-depth understanding of the models available, the GC assists the client in making informed decisions that are right for its unique needs.

By selecting the appropriate contract relationship for the client's needs, the process can be optimized so that the client will experience improved forecasting, cost reliability and on-time completion, taking away any worries regarding the construction of the project.

To Read More, See Excerpt: <https://www.constructionbusinessowner.com/strategy/why-your-company-needs-lean-building-program>

Supportive Services Offered



- Estimating Training
- Building Capacity
- Mobilization Financing
- Bonding Assistance
- Marketing Plan Development
- Creating a Business Plan
- Building a Website



Within the past 3 months, CEI assisted DBEs in obtaining \$6 MILLION in Bonding!!

Contact CEI for Bonding, Financing or Insurance needs!

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