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Irish PM Visits WTC on St. Patrick's Day

Prime Minister of Ireland Enda Kenny (second from right) celebrated St. Patrick's Day by becoming the world's first international leader to visit the very top of One World Trade Center, where he described the view as "mind blowing." Mr. Kenny was joined by (from right) Executive Director Pat Foye, Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni, and National September 11 Memorial & Museum President and CEO Joe Daniels.

KLM Launches Pilot Test of Biofuel-Powered International Flights at JFK

The international aerospace community marked a new milestone in sustainable aviation in early March with the launch of a first-ever series of [biofuel-powered intercontinental flights.](#)

As part of a 25-week pilot program undertaken by KLM Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) -- in partnership with the Schiphol Group, Delta Air Lines and The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey -- a KLM B777-200 fueled in part by biofuel, departed from JFK International Airport for Schiphol Amsterdam Airport on March 8.

Port Authority to Recruit 175 Police Officers

The Port Authority announced on March 11 that it has notified applicants regarding the selection process for the agency's 112th Police Academy. The new class, which will begin in August, [will train](#)

Port Authority Selects Legends Hospitality to Develop, Operate One WTC Observation Deck

Governors Andrew Cuomo and Chris Christie [announced on March 19](#) the selection of nationally renowned [Legends Hospitality, LLC](#) (Legends), to develop and operate the observation deck at the top of One World Trade Center. The selection will provide The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey with a projected \$875 million in revenue over the term of the 15-year lease, the largest amount of any of the submitted bids.

The Port Authority Board of Commissioners approved an agreement with Legends at its March 20 meeting.

The winning design for One World Observatory, submitted by Legends, will take visitors on a dynamic journey that tells the story of New York City and [One World Trade Center](#) as guests ascend to the top of the iconic skyscraper to enter the observation deck.

One World Observatory will provide visitors with spectacular views of New York City and the surrounding region from more than 1,250 feet high in the air. The venue is projected to draw an estimated 3.8 million annual visitors to the top of what is the tallest building in New York and soon will be the tallest structure in the Western Hemisphere.

Read more at WTCPprogress.com.

Board Approves Construction for LaGuardia Parking Garage



A rendering of the entrance to the proposed Observation Deck at One World Trade Center (above), which will feature spectacular views of the region from more than 1,250 feet above Lower Manhattan (below).



[up to 175 police officers](#) as part of its ongoing reform efforts to restructure the department and ensure it effectively meets its policing and security mission.

Did you Know?

The Port of New York and New Jersey is the third busiest port in the United States and handles the highest volume of general cargo of any port on the East Coast of North America. [Take a virtual tour of the port.](#)

Public Meetings

The [schedule of public meetings](#) of the Port Authority Board of Commissioners is published on the Port Authority website. [Minutes and actions](#) from previous Board of Commissioners meetings are also available on the site. [Webcasts](#) from the March 20 Board and committee meetings are also available online.

The Port Authority's Board of Commissioners authorized an \$82.9 million design and construction contract for a new East Parking Garage at [LaGuardia Airport](#). The move is a critical early step toward the airport's modernization that will culminate with the replacement of the nearly half-century-old [Central Terminal Building \(CTB\)](#).

Approximately 1,100 vehicle spaces will be included in the new lot, which crews will build opposite Terminal C, home to Delta Air Lines. The new garage will accommodate the increasing volume of Delta passengers using Terminals C and D, as the airline modernizes both of those terminals.

Work on the garage will begin this year and is scheduled for completion by February 2015, before the demolition of Parking Lot 2 where the new Central Terminal Building will be located.

The Port Authority estimates the project will directly and indirectly create 500 jobs, \$33 million in wages and \$140 million in economic activity. Currently, there are seven parking lots consisting of 6,800 public spaces at LaGuardia, producing almost \$41 million in gross revenues and about \$24 million in net revenues annually.

Read [more](#).

Port Authority to Manage Atlantic City Airport

The Port Authority's Board of Commissioners authorized the agency to negotiate the terms of an operating agreement for the [Atlantic City International Airport](#), which is currently owned and operated by the South Jersey Transportation Authority.

In September 2012, the Port Authority's Board authorized a feasibility study of the possible takeover of Atlantic City International. The Board's action was an outgrowth of 2007 bi-state legislation that permitted the Port Authority to establish an additional air terminal in New York and another in New Jersey. In November 2007, the Port Authority acquired a leasehold interest in Stewart International Airport near Newburgh, New York, as a regional reliever commercial airport for John F. Kennedy International, LaGuardia and Newark Liberty International airports.

The agreement is expected to be effective July 1.

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