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Ajax Building Corporation Completes St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport Renovations

(CLEARWATER, FL) – June 17, 2010 – [Ajax Building Corporation](#) has completed an extensive renovation of St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE), designed to enhance customer service by creating a seamless terminal with improved security screening checkpoints and an upgraded infrastructure.

Visitors were invited to a public unveiling June 17 of the “tropical themed” Terminal Building, which includes a signature 45-foot by 6-foot blown and painted glass wall and ceramic palm tile murals. Renovations were completed in two phases for a total cost of \$13.3 million and without impacting customer service for the 364,000 passengers who travel through PIE each year.

“The airport is now a much friendlier place for passengers, employees and visitors alike,” said Ajax President Bill Byrne. “This truly was a major makeover that gives customers a delightful first impression, but also improves efficiency. Ajax is proud to have been part of the team that worked with the Pinellas County government to offer a whole new experience for its travelers.”

Phase 1, completed in 2009 ahead of schedule at a cost of \$8.8 million, upgraded the ticketing and TSA screening areas, enlarged the passenger gate area and added a new baggage conveyor system and central air conditioning. Recently completed Phase 2 replaced elevators, doors, flooring, roofing and sidewalks, as well as other renovations at a cost of \$4.5 million. The airport was awarded \$5,357,400 in airport improvement federal stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Opened in 1956 and added onto a dozen times over the years, PIE is an enterprise fund of Pinellas County government and operates as a “pay-as-you-go” operation. The renovation project was completed with 98 percent financing from grants and airport passenger facility charges with the remaining 2 percent from airport reserves.

About Ajax Building Corporation

A 53-year-old company with corporate offices in Tallahassee and Oldsmar, FL, Ajax is recognized for its expertise in construction management, design-build and program management of educational, healthcare and commercial facilities, as well as other public and institutional buildings. Ajax is dedicated to building sustainable and high performance facilities — from design to construction and operation — and has more than two-dozen Accredited Professional LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) credentialed employees on staff. Ajax maintains Florida offices in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Orlando, Tampa Bay, Ft. Myers and Punta Gorda, as well Atlanta. In regional rankings, *Southeast Construction* magazine ranks Ajax No. 47 in the list of Top Contractors and No. 17 in Top Green Contractors. McGraw Hill’s *Design Build* magazine also ranks Ajax No. 67 in the Top Design Builders in the United States. For more information, visit ajaxbuilding.com.

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