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## ALL ABOARD FLORIDA SELECTS ARCHER WESTERN TO BUILD RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AT ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Work To Create 75 Direct Jobs, Opportunities for Subcontractors and Suppliers

Miami—July 7, 2015—All Aboard Florida has named Archer Western Construction Manager for the rail infrastructure at Orlando International Airport. Working closely with the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA), Archer Western will build the railway, roadway and related structures for All Aboard Florida's intercity passenger trains that begin service from the airport in late 2017. This work is expected to create 75 direct jobs, and hundreds of additional opportunities for subcontractors and suppliers.

"Archer Western has a strong record of performance and is well known for its commitment to excellence and safety," said Mike Reininger, president of All Aboard Florida. "The company's expertise and qualifications will be invaluable to us as we partner with GOAA to bring passenger-rail service to Orlando."

"All Aboard Florida is already reshaping the future of Florida transportation," said Daniel P. Walsh, president of Archer Western, "We are pleased to be on this journey with them."

Earlier this year, All Aboard Florida awarded Archer Western overall responsibility for construction management and general-contracting services for the Miami-to-West-Palm- Beach segment of its Miami-to-Orlando rail service. This contract

consolidates the work that Archer Western has underway along the south corridor, which includes safety improvements and upgrades, track work, rail signalization and structural work. The company's existing work with AAF and the Orlando International Airport creates added efficiencies for the privately-funded passenger-rail project.

Respected news source *Engineering News* ranks Archer Western the 12<sup>th</sup> largest builder of rail and mass-transit projects in the country. The contractor has also led multiple transportation projects in Florida, including SunRail in Orlando. Archer Western is also a key contractor building the people mover from the North to South terminals at OIA for GOAA.

"Intercity rail is an important component of our regional and statewide connectivity," said Greater Orlando Aviation Authority Executive Director Phil Brown. "Orlando International Airport has had plans for long distance rail for more than twenty years so we look forward to the addition of All Aboard Florida as we move toward achieving our Master Plan goal of providing multi-modal access for the community."

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## **About All Aboard Florida**

All Aboard Florida is an intercity passenger-rail project being developed by Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. (FECI), owner of Florida's premier passenger-rail corridor. The service will connect Miami to Orlando with stops in Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. It will also provide Floridians and visitors with a viable transportation alternative to congested highways and airports, and deliver a high-quality onboard experience to passengers. All Aboard Florida will be the only privately-owned-and-operated, passenger-rail system in the United States. For more information, visit www.AllAboardFlorida.com.

## **About Archer Western**

Archer Western, a construction management, general contracting and Design-Build firm, was established in 1983. Archer Western is a subsidiary of The Walsh Group, a 117-year-old, family-owned business, currently ranked by Engineering News-Record as the country's 12th largest builder of mass transit and rail projects. Recent projects completed or underway in Florida include the Orlando Central Florida Commuter Rail (SunRail), Orlando SunRail Station Finishes, I-95 Overland Bridge, I-10/I-95 Interchange (The Big I), Veteran's Memorial Bridge, and I-4 Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Connector.