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## NEWS RELEASE

### **TPA Still Admired After All These Years** ***Condé Nast readers vote TPA Second Best U.S. Airport***

TAMPA, FL (September 29, 2008) -- The October 2008 *Condé Nast Traveler* issue has announced its Eleventh Annual Business Travel Awards for airports, airlines and hotels. The prestigious poll awarded Tampa International Airport as the Second Best U.S. Airport – just two-tenths of a point behind the number one, Portland International Airport. TPA was ranked highest of all 10 U.S. airports in the categories of Ease of Connections and Comfort/Design. Other categories included: location/access, customs and baggage, food/shops/amenities and perceived safety/security.

“This world class recognition confirms that Tampa International Airport remains positioned as a vital economic resource for the Tampa Bay community,” stated Louis E. Miller, Executive Director, Tampa International Airport. “We never take prominent awards and recognition for granted.”

Since October 1993, Tampa International Airport has continued to receive frequent award-winning recognition from *Condé Nast Traveler* awards. The poll queried readers who travel for business, evenly split between corporate globe-trotting men and women. A quarter of the travelers spend two months or more on the road each year and a tenth travel overseas more than five times per annum for business.

The independent firm asked more than 26,500 *Condé Nast Traveler* readers identified as business travelers to rank U.S. and International airports, hotels and airlines. More than 2,500 surveys were completed, returned and tabulated. The top ten airports with their average score are shown below:

Portland	51.6
Tampa	51.4
Washington Reagan	47.1
Milwaukee	42.4
Orlando	39.5
Minneapolis-St. Paul	39.0
Long Beach	38.0
Salt Lake City	37.8
Pittsburgh	37.7
San Diego	37.3

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Louis E. Miller *Executive Director*