

CASTLE *Navigation*



FAA AWARDS CASTLE PART 139 CERTIFICATION

This summer the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) awarded Castle Airport a Part 139 commercial passenger service airport certification. In order for the FAA to award the Part 139 Certification, airports generally must: 1) serve scheduled air carrier aircraft designed for more than nine seats, or 2) serve unscheduled air carrier operations in aircraft designed for at least 31 passengers.

Airport operating certificates are typically issued to ensure safety in air transportation. To obtain a certificate, an airport must also abide by certain operational and safety standards and provide access to fire fighting and rescue equipment. Now that Castle Airport has fulfilled the FAA

requirements, FEDERAL and Merced County can move forward with negotiations with the interested airline companies that are eager to establish service in the Central Valley.

FEDERAL and Merced County have been working diligently to bring in low-cost airline companies to Castle in hopes of providing quality airfare services to domestic and international travelers. Scheduled flight service at Castle Airport will be beneficial for all—it will help stimulate the economy of Merced County and also allow residents and visitors to save time and money. Local residents will save time, transportation costs, and parking fees, not to mention the fact that they will also be able to avoid the headaches associated with larger airports and metropolitan areas.

NEW TERMINAL UNVEILED

A new 5,000 sq ft passenger terminal recently opened at Castle Airport. Located adjacent to the existing parking ramp, the 100-plus passenger facility will soon bring an array of traveling opportunities to the surrounding regions. The airline terminal will be named in honor of Brigadier General Frederick W. Castle, who, on Christmas Eve of 1944, stayed at the controls of his heavily damaged B-17 bomber to allow his crew to safely escape. The bomber exploded before Castle himself could bailout. In commemoration of his courageous act, the airline terminal will feature photos of General Castle and the former Castle Air Force Base, courtesy of the Castle Air Museum.



TRANSFORMING CASTLE

FAA GRANT

Castle Airport recently received a grant from the FAA to install new taxiway lights and an upgraded airfield security system. In addition, the grant will allow Castle to upgrade its aging wiring system. These upgrades will be implemented over the next few months and will certainly move Castle closer to becoming a world-class airport.

Tip-Top Shape

This month, Castle Airport welcomed our newest addition aimed at transforming the facility: a high-speed runway sweeper! This new state-of-the-art piece of equipment will help ensure the runway exceeds related cleaning and safety standards and keeps Castle in tip-top shape!

In addition, over the next month, Castle Airport will be sporting some new airfield markings. Older markings will be retouched as well.

CASTLE GOES INTERNATIONAL

Efforts by FEDERAL have resulted recently in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with two leading companies in China.

China National Aero-Technology Import & Export Corporation (CATIC), a large international government-owned company that engages vendors to manufacture construction equipment, airport equipment and other non-aviation products, signed an MOU to create a sales center at Castle Commerce Center to exhibit its products. FEDERAL is now assisting CATIC with details related to the Foreign Trade Zone and EB-5 investment program while also finalizing details of the lease and marketing agreement for the two proposed buildings. The second MOU with CDSR Development Group of Hong Kong outlines plans for the company to work with FEDERAL to establish cooperation between Castle Airport and Nanchang Airport including tax fee concessions, real estate development, and establishing cargo flight services. FEDERAL is now developing a due diligence study, cooperation agreement and business plan for CDSR.

Both of these agreements will further help establish Castle's international presence and promote an environment that appeals to other airport-related businesses.

New! BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES



Building 1310 at Castle Commerce Center and Castle Airport is now available for lease and offers an ideal facility for an office or classroom with 26 rooms, nearly 10,000 SF of space and plenty of parking!

Proposed Use: Aviation/Office

Square Feet: 9,574

Building Type: Concrete block, built up roof

Features: 17 administration offices, conference room and parking to accommodate 48 vehicles



Building 1315 at Castle Commerce Center and Castle Airport is now available for lease!

Proposed Use: Office

Square Feet: 9,574

Now Offering: Three-year lease at 0.45 /sf with rent credits (restrictions apply)

To discuss leasing opportunities call: 209.723.6000.



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