

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Burns & McDonnell Continues Overseeing Progress at Louis Armstrong International Airport Through New Program Management Contract**

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — As improvements continue to be made at the new Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY), Burns & McDonnell has been reselected by the City of New Orleans to continue to provide program management services to oversee the ongoing updates.

The five-year contract includes the oversight of a new airport master plan, a new architectural on-call contract, upgrades to the baggage handling system, roadway improvements and the build-out of additional spaces, including administration space, inside the terminal.

[Chris Spann](#), national director of aviation at Burns & McDonnell, will serve as program manager for the extended contract. Spann previously served as program manager for the MSY terminal program completed in 2019.

“The MSY project has been transformational for New Orleans and its surrounding communities,” Spann says. “I’m looking forward to continuing to serve as program manager on this next phase of the project, while also continuing to serve as director of our national [aviation practice](#) at Burns & McDonnell.”

Burns & McDonnell will serve in a true extension-of-staff role, with Spann and other members of the team working on-site at the airport to continue the program management support.

“Burns & McDonnell is proud to be selected to continue to support the City of New Orleans and MSY with our program management services,” says [Joel DeBoer](#), senior vice president and leader of the [Aviation & Federal](#) Group at Burns & McDonnell. “Chris has done a fantastic job overseeing the original terminal program, and we appreciate the airport’s trust in continuing to partner with us on these important updates.”

This next phase of work builds on the \$1 billion terminal that opened in November 2019, which spans 972,000 square feet across three concourses with over 40 concessions locations. The project was awarded the inaugural Outstanding Project Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers New Orleans Branch in 2020.

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