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SITE GRADING ON WILLISTON BASIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; EARTH WORK TO BEGIN APRIL 17th New Regional Airport Projected to Open in Late 2019

Williston, North Dakota (April 13, 2017) - The long-awaited start of Williston Basin International Airport will soon to be underway in a more visible way as grading of the 1,500-acre site is slated to begin on April 17. Ultimately, 2.8 million yards of dirt will be graded in preparation for construction of the \$250 million facility.

“We turned a little bit of dirt at the official groundbreaking back in October but now the real earth moving begins and we couldn’t be more excited,” said Howard Klug, mayor of Williston. “The reality of a new airport will positively impact Williston and the region for generations to come.”

The site work will be done by Martin Construction of Dickinson, N.D. and will include construction of four storm water detention ponds, storm sewers and various perimeter roads.

The new airport - known by its FAA-designated call letters XWA - will be located northwest of Williston, just off of County Road 7. The two-story building will span 110,000 square feet; it will feature an escalator, full-service restaurant, gift shop and multiple lounges for arriving and departing travelers.

“We are thrilled about having a new airport as it will be essential for the continued economic growth of Williston and the entire northwestern region of North Dakota,” said Shawn Wenko, executive director of Williston Economic Development.

For more information about the emerging Williston Basin International Airport, visit www.xwaproject.com.

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