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City Initiative

On March 22, the City of St. Louis made preliminary application to the FAA Airport Privatization Program to undertake a feasibility study to determine if St. Louis Lambert Airport should privatize



What is Public – Private – Partnerships?

Privatization refers to shifting governmental functions and responsibilities to the private sector



Source: GAO analysis of ACRP information. | GAO-15-42

Application Process

Figure 2: Airport Privatization Pilot Program Application Process



Source: GAO analysis of FAA information. | GAO-18-42

FAA Airport Privatization Pilot Program

- 11 airports have applied
- Stewart Airport, owned by the Port Authority of NYNJ, was privatized in 2000 with a 99 year lease but reverted back to public control in 2007 leaving only Luis Munoz Marin Airport in San Juan as the only privatized airport in the US



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Why Airports Privatize

Airport	Reason
Gwinnett County (GA)	Become 2 nd Atlanta passenger airport
Hendry County (FL)	Infrastructure improvements
Westchester County	Relieve financial responsibility; improve environment
Chicago Midway	Address city funding shortfall; infrastructure improvements
Niagara Falls	Develop passenger service
San Juan (PR)	Develop passenger service; improve financial performance
Stewart (NY)	Develop real estate; create jobs; economic development
New Orleans	Address critical city financial obligations

Sources: GAO Analysis of FAA data; National Academy of Sciences "Considering and Evaluating Airport Privatization"; airports privatization applications



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