



# News Flash

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**Grand Opening Scheduled**  
**at**  
**Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport**  
**CBP Federal Inspection Service Processing Center**

Weslaco, TX - On **Friday, May 13, 2011 at 10 am** the official opening of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Custom’s and Border Protection (CBP) Federal Inspection Service (FIS) general aviation processing center will take place at Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport, Weslaco, TX.

This is the first new “landing rights” general aviation customs processing center that CBP has opened on the Mexico/US border in over four decades. Governor Rick Perry has been invited to speak. Many U.S. and State officials will be present. The Governor of the State of Veracruz, Dr. Javier Duarte, is planning to attend.

The CBP-FIS has been designed, built and funded by the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco (EDC). It will be donated to the City of Weslaco at a fee of \$1.00 per year. The City will lease the facility to CBP, and Progreso International Bridge Port of Entry custom agents will provide the aircraft inspection service on an “on call” basis to the arriving aircraft.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> two international companies will be flying their aircraft in from Mexico to commemorate the grand opening event. They will be the first to clear customs at the Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport Federal Inspection Service (FIS) processing center. These planes and their owners are:

Learjet 31A  
Espresso de la Parroguia Company  
(Gran Café La Parroguia)

Hawker or Citation  
MV Flight Services, LLC

For the past nine years the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Weslaco has been the driving force to secure foreign custom clearance for general aviation aircraft at Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport. Weslaco’s Mayor Miguel Wise states, *“Having Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport designated as an “on-call” landing rights airport will be a catalyst to grow the economic opportunities in the region. We commend the EDC for its tenacity, over so many years, to make this happen.”*

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation’s borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorist and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.

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Attached: Graphic of Weslaco Mid-Valley FIS Building