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**CITY OF ST. GEORGE AND ANDERSON DEVELOPMENT INC. TERMINATE  
PROPERTY PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

**St. George, UT-** On April 1, 2010 City of St. George officials and representatives from Anderson Development Inc. mutually agreed to terminate agreements for the future sale and development of the existing airport property. The agreements were executed between the City and Anderson Development in June 2008 entailing 274 acres at the current St. George Municipal Airport. Anderson, through a competitive bid process, was awarded the option to purchase the property in early 2011 in the amount of \$43,960,000.

At the time, the sale of the existing airport property was needed to fund the City's required local match for construction of the replacement airport. However, due to lower than expected construction bids and prudent management of the project, the City is no longer reliant on the sale of the property to fund its portion of the replacement airport project. "This allows the City to keep the mesa top property at the existing airport in City ownership for future development while still being able to fund the replacement airport without using any local tax dollars," said Mayor Dan McArthur. "We see this as a win-win for the City as well as Anderson Development. They (Anderson) were able to walk away from an agreement for property with deflated values and the City ends up with 274 acres of prime property in St. George and is still able to meet its obligations for the cost of the new airport," said St. George City Manager, Gary Esplin.

Presently, the City does not have plans to sell or develop any portion of the property. All airport operations including General Aviation services will cease at the existing airport when the replacement airport opens in January 2011.

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