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## **FUTURE SHORTFALLS IN AIRPORT AND AIRWAY CAPACITY COULD COST U.S. ECONOMY \$170 BILLION BY 2012**

**WALTHAM, MA, September 30, 2002** – **Global Insight, Inc.**, the parent company of DRI•WEFA, announced today that it has just released a new study in collaboration with The Campbell-Hill Aviation Group examining the economic impact of the U.S. civil aviation system and the consequences of failing to improve the supporting infrastructure. The **DRI•WEFA** study entitled, “**The National Economic Impact of Civil Aviation: 2000-2012**,” was sponsored by a cross section of organizations in the aviation industry.

Air traffic delays in 2000, as measured by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, cost the U.S. economy \$9.4 billion. According to the DRI•WEFA study, without additional investment in infrastructure and modernization of the national air traffic control system, delays between 2000 and 2012 will cost the U.S. economy an estimated \$170 billion.

“Every dollar invested in aviation infrastructure yields up to \$5 for the U.S. economy,” said DRI•WEFA chief economist Nariman Behraves. “Aviation touches all facets of the economy, bringing people, products and ideas together millions of times each day.”

The DRI•WEFA study further concluded that additional investments in the U.S. aviation infrastructure would produce positive returns throughout the economy. In 2000, the aviation industry contributed more than \$900 billion into the U.S. economy annually, which represents nine percent of the nation’s gross domestic product, and provides 11 million jobs.

More information about this study can be found at: ([www.dri-wefa.com/aviation](http://www.dri-wefa.com/aviation)).

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