



**PUBLIC INVITED TO HELP "RAISE THE ROOF" ON THE NEW
EDWARD H. McNAMARA TERMINAL / NORTHWEST WORLDGATEWAY**

Pre-Registration Required for the Free Community Day Open House

DETROIT – (January 23, 2002) – In less than one month, the people of Metro Detroit will be able to participate in one of the largest open house events in Michigan history as Wayne County and Northwest Airlines celebrate the opening of the new Edward H. McNamara Terminal / Northwest WorldGateway.

The **free** "Raise the Roof!" Community Day is limited to the first 50,000 people who pre-register and reserve a time to attend. The event takes place at the new Terminal from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Saturday, February 16, 2002.** That's just eight days before the \$1.2 billion facility opens for operations on February 24.

Family entertainment will be available throughout the day, including children's activities and performances by local musicians and high school bands. Guests will enjoy complimentary refreshments. Complimentary parking will be available in the new 11,500-space parking garage.

Participants must pre-register by calling the "Raise the Roof" Community Day Hotline at 1-866-637-9101 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Hotline will remain open through February 15, based on availability. Directions to the new Edward H. McNamara Terminal / Northwest WorldGateway will be offered when people call to pre-register. Participants will be able to choose, on a first-come basis, the specific time they wish to attend.

"We can't wait to show off this new facility to the people of Southeast Michigan," said Edward H. McNamara, Wayne County Executive. "Everyone who has toured the facility has been impressed with not only the size and scope of the facility, but the planning and detail that ensures Michigan will now have one of the finest and most convenient airports in the world. This is not Wayne County's new terminal or Northwest Airlines' new terminal. It belongs to the people of this community."

Northwest Airlines CEO Richard Anderson said, "This is an exciting time for Northwest Airlines and we welcome the people of metro Detroit to join us. Our customers deserve the best travel experience. We believe this new terminal will provide them with a world-class experience."

Adult visitors touring the new facility are asked to bring government-issued photo identification. Hand carried items will be subject to inspection.

Community Day is one in a series of events planned to "Raise the Roof!" and celebrate the opening of the new terminal.

In addition to Community Day, Wayne County and Northwest Airlines are also hosting Premiere Evening, a cocktail-attire event, which will feature the tastes and sounds of Detroit. Proceeds from this event will benefit the United Way Community Services.

Other "Raise the Roof!" invitation-only events include:

Civic Preview/ Luncheon – Friday, Feb. 15, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
An ***invitation-only*** event for community leaders.

Employee Celebration Day – Sunday, Feb. 17, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
For Northwest, Wayne County, construction workers and airport employees only, a celebration featuring entertainment, children's activities, refreshments and more.

Northwest Airlines is the world's fourth-largest airline with hubs at Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, Tokyo and Amsterdam. With 2,400 daily departures, Northwest and its partners serve more than 750 cities in 120 countries on six continents. Based on statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Northwest was the most on-time U.S. airline among the seven largest network carriers for the period 1990-2000. Together with Wayne County, Mich., Northwest is opening a new \$1.2 billion domestic and international airport terminal on Feb. 24, 2002, which includes 97 gates, 18 luggage carousels and 1.5 miles of moving walkways, along with two express trams carrying 4,000 passengers per hour.

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**(For more information on the terminal, refer to
<http://www.newdetroitterminal.com> or contact Northwest Corporate
Communications at 612-726-2331 or Wayne County at 734-942-3558.)**