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**INTERNS WITH DISABILITIES GRADUATE FROM PROJECT SEARCH  
AT MILWAUKEE MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**What:** The transition from school-to-work is tough for any young adult, but people with developmental disabilities face particular challenges. The Project SEARCH program allows participants ages 18-24 to work on problem-solving, decision-making, social skills in the workplace and so much more. Individuals work 20-25 hours per week and attend a classroom component before and after work each day.

Project SEARCH was developed at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in 1996, and many of the existing sites are hospitals. Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport was the first airport in the nation to participate and last year won an aviation award for their support of this successful program. This program succeeds through a collaborative effort among several partners, including Milwaukee Public Schools, vocational rehabilitation services, long-term support organizations and a supported employment provider.

This is the second year that the airport has been an internship site. Through Project SEARCH sites like this one, young adults with disabilities can learn practical skills as well as social experiences that will enable them to thrive in the career of their choice. Some interns have already been hired for jobs in the community and others will work with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Goodwill Supported Employment to secure a job. Over the past two years, **80%** of our Project SEARCH graduates are working!

**When:** Completion Ceremony  
Wednesday, May 22  
10 a.m. to Noon/Program begins at 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Mitchell International Airport  
5300 S. Howell Avenue  
E Concourse  
*Complimentary Parking*