

## ABOUT ELLINGTON FIELD...

Ellington Field is operated and maintained by the Houston Airport System, the fourth largest multi-airport system in the nation and the sixth largest in the world, which functions as an enterprise fund of the City of Houston and does not burden the local tax base for

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- airport operations, maintenance, or capital improvements.

Instead, the Houston Airport System serves the fourth largest city in the nation as an international gateway to the rest of the world and as a major source of economic vitality.

Approximately 15 miles south of downtown Houston, Ellington Field is located off of I-45/Gulf Freeway, the major highway heading from the City to NASA and Galveston Island.

## HISTORY/ROLE OF EFD...

Ellington Field is a joint use civil/military airport. Established during World War I, Ellington served as a training base for pilots, bombardiers, and radio operators. The base was razed by fire and closed in the late 1920s but rebuilt at the outset of World War II as a training base. Ellington Field became Ellington Air Force Base in 1947 and continued as a training base for U.S. Air Force navigators. Deactivated in 1976 as a training base, Ellington continued to host the Texas Air National Guard.

Acquired by the City of Houston in 1984 and operated by the Houston Airport System, Ellington is now the home for military operations and selected NASA training facilities. Ellington also hosts a variety of general aviation (GA) activity including recreational, flight school, and corporate operations. Continental Express provides limited commercial passenger service between Ellington Field and George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston.