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BACKGROUND

Many airports are undergoing new construction and major renovations to their terminals and other facilities. Planning for required security measures helps to ensure operational readiness of these facilities, leading to a successful opening. From a security perspective, there are many elements required to achieve operational readiness. Examples include receiving relevant TSA approvals, completing stakeholder training on security rules and procedures, and ensuring all security systems are functioning correctly and their operating procedures are documented.

To ensure proper planning and reduce pitfalls, guidance is needed to help airports understand the challenges and operational security considerations associated with opening new and renovated facilities.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the research is to create guidance to assist airports in ensuring security readiness of new and renovated facilities. At a minimum, the guidance should address:

- Developing security standards and operational goals
- Security-related planning considerations for people, processes, and technology, including:
 - Project oversight and approval structure
 - Stakeholder identification and coordination
 - Essential decision points during planning and design
- ASP considerations
- Ensuring compliance with requirements
- Systems testing, integration, and acceptance
- Establishing procedures
- Training
- ORAT coordination

The resulting guidance should be applicable to airports of all sizes.