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## For Immediate Release

### **Harrisburg International Airport Welcomes Phillips Seafood** *Leader in travel dining adds new restaurant brands, extends contract with airport*



Celebrating the grand opening, left to right: John Knorr, Senior Vice President, Phillips Seafood; Michael Fetchko, Senior Director, Business Development, HMSHost Corporation; Richard Folkner, General Manager, HMSHost MDT and Tim Edwards, Airport Director, Harrisburg International Airport

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** – [HMSHost](#) and Harrisburg International Airport (MDT) celebrated today the grand opening of the new **Phillips Seafood** located in the main terminal, post-security. This new dining option is the result of a five year agreement extension between the Airport and HMSHost Corporation, a world leader in travel dining and shopping. The contract will run through 2019.

“Harrisburg has seen steady growth in recent years so we’re glad to continue our partnership with HMSHost as we enhance our restaurant offerings,” said Tim Edwards, Executive Director of the Susquehanna Regional Airport Authority.

With nearly 100 years of experience as a seafood purveyor and over 55 years of success in the restaurant business, Phillips has become an authority on the tastes of the American seafood traveler. [Phillips Seafood](#) had its beginnings in 1916 on Maryland’s Chesapeake Bay and is known for its award-winning Maryland-style crab cakes. The Harrisburg airport location also offers non-seafood items including sandwiches and salads.

“Our friends in Pennsylvania have been great supporters of our Baltimore and Ocean City locations. We are happy to join the community,” said John Knorr, Senior Vice President of Phillips Foods and Seafood Restaurants.

Additional improvements coming to the dining program at MDT include a craft beer-themed restaurant, and a refreshed **Starbucks Coffee** to reflect the brand’s new designs for lighting and décor. MDT travelers will continue to find their favorite beverages served by friendly baristas—from espresso-based drinks and brewed coffees to Frappuccinos® --as well as a variety of fresh pastries, sandwiches, and salads.

“We’re pleased that our service to travelers has earned the privilege of continued partnership with Harrisburg International Airport,” said Michael Fetchko, Senior Director, Business Development, HMShost.

MDT is served by Air Canada, AirTran Airways, American Eagle, Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, and US Airways that provide daily, nonstop service to 14 destinations as well as hundreds of connections. More than 170,000 travelers passed through MDT in 2010.

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