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Salt Lake City Department of Airports to Open First Sensory Room

What: The Salt Lake City Department of Airports (SLCDA) has joined with Kulture City to provide the first sensory inclusive space at the airport to offer a positive experience for all passengers with a sensory issue.

The dedicated space is designed by medical professionals for individuals who may need a quieter environment. The sensory room is designed with bean bags, visual light panels, activity panels and air walls.

Each year, SLC staff will be trained in how to recognize fliers with sensory needs and how to handle a sensory overload situation. Sensory bags that are equipped with noise canceling headphones, fidget tools, verbal cue cards and weighted lap pads will be made available to anyone who may feel overwhelmed by the environment.

Sensory sensitivities or challenges with sensory regulation are often experienced by individuals with autism, dementia, PTSD and other similar conditions. One of the major barriers for these individuals is sensitivity to over stimulation and noise.

When/ Wednesday, March 5. Program begins at 11 a.m. in Concourse A (adjacent to
Where: White Horse restaurant).

Media should plan to check in for a security badge beginning at 10 a.m.
Escort through security screening will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Who: -Bill Wyatt, Executive Director, Salt Lake City Department of Airports
-Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall
-KultureCity: Uma Srivastava, Executive Director; Meg Raby Klinghoffer, Sensory Trainer.
-Guests who benefit from the use of a sensory room

RSVP: **Media interested in attending must RSVP by Monday, March 3 at noon** with the individual's legal name—as it appears on their driver's license—and date of birth.

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