

# Airport awards security contract

## Norred, partner to handle perimeter

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Atlanta based Norred & Associates has won a contract to guard the perimeter of Hartsfield International Airport.

The company was chosen by the city for a one-year, \$2.8 million contract along with partner Priority One Security.

Norred began the job July 1, taking over from Barton Security and Paragon Protective Services, which had done the work previously.

Priority One Security, a minority-owned business estab-

lished in 1995, is run by former Atlanta police officer Angelo Sykes and will perform the actual security screening.

The company will check to make sure vendors or others entering the secure area of the airport through a perimeter access point have credentials or are escorted by someone with them.

Norred will be responsible for overseeing the contract, including payroll, uniforms and financing, said company President Earl Taylor, a retired supervisory agent from the Atlanta office of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms.

Norred & Associates, founded in 1981 by Greg Norred, is a 600-person firm that provides uniformed guards, fraud detection, pre-employment screening and workplace violence and labor strike security.

Its clients include Emory University, Kroger, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co., Georgia International Convention Center and Zoo Atlanta, Taylor said.

This is the first time the company has landed a contract with a major airport, he said.

The contract can be renewed for a total of three years.

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Shown above is Greg Norred, founder of Norred & Associates, and Earl Taylor, company President.