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Compass Airlines Announces New Aircraft Maintenance Facility at Louisville International Airport

Louisville, KY (September 14, 2007) — Compass Airlines, a wholly owned subsidiary of Northwest Airlines (NYSE: NWA), today announced that the regional carrier plans to construct an aircraft maintenance facility at Louisville International Airport on a site just south of the Chautauqua maintenance hangar along Crittenden Drive.

Compass noted that plans for the \$9.85 million maintenance facility include three aircraft bays to handle scheduled maintenance for the carrier's new fleet of 76-seat Embraer 175 regional jet aircraft. The airline expects the Louisville maintenance facility to create up to 70 new jobs when construction is completed in fall of 2008.

"Compass Airlines is a great addition to Louisville International Airport," Mayor Jerry Abramson said. "The company's investment will bring new jobs, with the potential for future growth. We welcome Compass to our growing and vibrant city."

"The Compass Airlines Maintenance Facility is yet another major step forward for our airport, and continues the success story confirming the foresight and wisdom of our community's leaders when they initiated the Louisville Airport Improvement Project," said J.D. Nichols, Airport Board Chairman.

"Today's announcement is the first step in the completion of another major milestone for Compass Airlines. In 2007, Compass employees have worked extremely hard to achieve FAA certification, the airlines' first revenue flight and the carrier's first flights with the new state-of-the-art E-175 aircraft. These efforts, combined with completion of the Louisville maintenance facility will provide Compass with the solid foundation needed to ensure a successful future," said John Bendoraitis, President of Compass.

Northwest and its Northwest Airlink partner airlines currently provide nonstop service to three destinations from Louisville—Detroit, Memphis and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Based in Chantilly, Va., Compass Airlines is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northwest Airlines and operates new state-of-the-art, 76-seat Embraer 175 regional jet aircraft as a Northwest Airlink partner under service agreements with Northwest Airlines.

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