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Compass Airlines Aircraft Maintenance Facility at Louisville International is Operational

LOUISVILLE, KY (June 2, 2009) — Today, the Louisville Regional Airport Authority and Compass Airlines announced that the airline's permanent aircraft maintenance facility at Louisville International Airport is fully operational. The \$9.5 million project has created 70 full-time jobs with an annual payroll of more than \$3 million.

"Given the current economic circumstances, the addition of 70 well-paying jobs is an encouraging step in the right direction," Governor Steve Beshear said. "I want to thank Compass Airlines for bringing this tremendous economic development opportunity to the greater Louisville area."

"The addition of Compass' maintenance facility is further evidence of the ongoing return on investment from our airport expansion," said Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson. "The decision to expand the airport has yielded more than twenty years of economic growth and thousands of new jobs. We're delighted Compass now has a fully operational home in Louisville."

"This new facility is an ideal location for us and it will continue to help us secure our success at Compass Airlines," said Tim Campbell, President of

Compass Airlines. "We are grateful to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the City of Louisville, Greater Louisville, Inc. and The Louisville Regional Airport Authority for helping make this facility possible."

In June 2007, Airport Authority staff partnered with the Commonwealth's Cabinet for Economic Development, Metro Louisville and Greater Louisville, Inc. to respond to a request for proposal that Northwest Airlines issued for the construction of a new three-bay aircraft maintenance facility. In September 2007, Compass announced that Louisville International Airport had been selected as the location for the new maintenance facility for its state-of-the-art Embraer 175 aircraft.

"The Compass Airlines Maintenance Facility is another excellent example of how we can reuse and recycle land acquired during the Louisville Airport Improvement Program to create economic growth in Louisville," said Phil Lynch, Airport Board Vice-Chairman.

The facility consists of a 42,720-square-foot aircraft maintenance hangar, 11,416 square feet that are used for office, shop and storage spaces, an 80,601-square-foot concrete apron, and 33,480 square feet of parking and roadways.

Compass Airlines is a wholly owned subsidiary of Delta Airlines and operates 36 new state-of-the-art Embraer 175 aircraft. Compass operates as a Delta Connection carrier serving over 40 destinations primarily out of the Minneapolis/St. Paul, Detroit and Memphis hubs with over 150 daily departures. Currently headquartered in Chantilly, Virginia, Compass is relocating to Minneapolis, MN at the end of this year. For more information, please visit Compass Airlines' Web site at www.compassairline.com.

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