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Republic Airways Adding 300 Jobs in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS (Dec. 8, 2009) – Republic Airways Holdings Inc. (NASDAQ: RJET) announced today that it will consolidate its business operations to its Indianapolis headquarters, creating up to 300 jobs here next year.

The company plans to expand its headquarters facility on the city's north side to support the transfer of Frontier Airlines' Operation Control Center and consolidated back office positions from various locations throughout the company's network.

"As Republic Airways continues to gain strength in the airline industry, the state of Indiana is proud to be a part of its success," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "Republic is one of a growing number of companies to consolidate a significant number of jobs in Indiana because of our low-cost business environment and robust logistics sector."

Indianapolis-based Republic Airways, which acquired Denver-based Frontier Airlines in August, plans to begin hiring dispatchers, engineers, crew schedulers and other operations positions in the second quarter of 2010.

"Today's announcement is another significant step in the integration process of our branded business," said Bryan Bedford, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Republic Airways. "This move will allow the administration of all of our airlines to be accomplished under one roof, which will help provide our co-workers out on the line with an efficient and consistent support network."

Republic Airways was founded as Chautauqua Airlines in 1973 in Jamestown, N.Y. and relocated to Indianapolis in 1994. Following recent acquisitions of Frontier and Midwest Airlines, the company employs approximately 11,000 aviation professionals and operates 288 regional jets with approximately 1,600 flights daily.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Republic Airways Holdings Inc. up to \$3.8 million in performance-based tax credits and up to \$50,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. The city of Indianapolis and Indianapolis Economic Development, Inc. will support property tax abatement for Republic Airways Holdings before the Metropolitan Development Commission.

“We are excited that Republic Airways has chosen to invest in Indianapolis. This decision means 300 quality jobs for Hoosier workers and a boost to our transportation industry that will position Indianapolis for continued growth in this competitive sector,” said Mayor Greg Ballard.

About Republic Airways Holdings

Republic Airways Holdings, based in Indianapolis, Indiana is an airline holding company that owns Chautauqua Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Lynx Aviation, Midwest Airlines, Republic Airlines and Shuttle America, collectively “the airlines.” The airlines offer scheduled passenger service on approximately 1,600 flights daily to 121 cities in 44 states, Canada, Costa Rica, and Mexico under branded operations at Frontier, Midwest, and through fixed-fee airline services agreements with five major U.S. airlines. The fixed-fee flights are operated under an airline partner brand, such as AmericanConnection, Continental Express, Delta Connection, United Express, and US Airways Express. The airlines currently employ approximately 11,000 aviation professionals and operate 288 aircraft.

In addition to historical information, this release contains forward-looking statements. Republic Airways may, from time-to-time, make written or oral forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements encompass Republic Airways’ beliefs, expectations, hopes or intentions regarding future events. Words such as “expects,” “intends,” “believes,” “anticipates,” “should,” “likely” and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this release are made as of the date hereof and are based on information available to Republic Airways as of such date. Republic Airways assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement. Actual results may vary, and may vary materially, from those anticipated, estimated, projected or expected for a number of reasons, including, among others, the risks discussed in our Form 10-K and our other filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which discussions are incorporated into this release by reference.

About IEDC

Created by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 to replace the former Department of Commerce, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation is governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Daniels. Mitch Roob serves as the chief executive officer of the IEDC. For more information about IEDC, visit www.iedc.in.gov.

About IEDI

Indianapolis Economic Development, Inc. is Marion County’s local economic development organization. IEDI is dedicated to providing business attraction; existing business retention and expansion; and location services in Indianapolis/Marion County, serving as a catalyst for capital investment and quality job growth. IEDI is led by CEO Scott Miller and a nine-member board of directors appointed by Mayor Greg Ballard. Visit www.indianapoliseconomicdevelopment.com.

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