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## **SkyWest Airlines Continues Coast to Coast Expansion**

Airline Offers Career Options across the Nation and Opportunities to See the World

### **For Immediate Release**

**St. George, UT, December 27, 2006** – SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW), and the nation's largest independently owned regional carrier, announced that the airline will host recruiting sessions throughout the country to aid in its coast-to-coast expansion for 2007. The announcement comes at a pivotal time in SkyWest's history. The airline will celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June 2007, and last week announced an additional contract relationship with Milwaukee-based Midwest Airlines to begin service in April of 2007.

Currently, the airline operates more than 1,600 daily flights across the country as a Delta Connection carrier from SkyWest's largest hub in Salt Lake City, and as United Express along the West Coast and from its Denver and Chicago O'Hare hubs.

"With our new Midwest partnership, there will be obvious recruitment needs in Milwaukee and Kansas City," Necia Clark-Mantle, SkyWest Airlines vice president – people explained, "although our operation is growing throughout the country. We've seen unique growth and are looking to hire in our ski and winter destinations including Aspen, Denver and Salt Lake."

The company hired a record 4,000 employees in 2006. "We know that companies across the country are looking for quality team members," Clark-Mantle continued, "and so we have to be competitive with our pay packages, health benefits, stock purchase and 401(k) plans. One thing that sets SkyWest apart is our 'Performance Rewards' incentive program, which is tied to our operational goals. We're unique because we share those financial rewards with our employees. But I think it's the travel privileges that really get people excited about their work."

SkyWest Airlines employees have access to Delta Air Lines and United Airlines' route structures, as well as a myriad of hotel, cruise lines, rental car agencies and resort discounts. "We have employees who fly to Santa Barbara for lunch, New York for the day, or London for the weekend," Clark-Mantle continued. "We're in a distinctive position. Many companies say they'd like to give employees the world, but on some level, we can. In essence, we'll take you there! Not only to travel destinations, but also with career opportunities."

SkyWest Airlines holds open house and recruiting sessions throughout the country for flight attendants, pilots, customer service agents and mechanics. For a complete schedule of events and to apply online, visit [www.skywest.com/careers/](http://www.skywest.com/careers/).

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SkyWest Airlines was named the Number One On-Time Mainland Airline in the United States by the Department of Transportation for 2005, 2004 and 2003, years in which they carried more than 40 million passengers. System-wide, SkyWest has more than 10,000 employees and serves a total of 133 cities in 38 states and five Canadian provinces with more than 1,600 daily departures.

This press release and information on SkyWest Airlines can be accessed at [www.skywest.com/skywest/](http://www.skywest.com/skywest/).

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