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SkyWest Airlines Named Regional Airline of the Year

St. George, UT, January 29, 2002 - SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (Nasdaq: SKYW), was named Regional Airline of the Year by *Air Transport World* yesterday. SkyWest earned the prestigious award by continuing a tradition of excellence through the challenges that have faced the aviation industry in the past year.

Founded in 1972, the airline was headed for bankruptcy in 1974 when current President and CEO, Jerry Atkin, took the helm. Finding no takers in his attempts to sell or give away the company, he launched an aggressive plan to restructure and repay debt while increasing operational efficiency. Thirty years after its inception, the company is still one of the most fiscally sound in a traditionally challenging industry.

“At SkyWest, we do two things that have led to the success we’ve seen over the years,” said SkyWest's Atkin. “We deliver the best possible product at the lowest possible price. Everything else falls into place when we focus on that.”

Air Transport World cites strong operational and financial growth and performance as deciding factors in their choice. In spite of recent events, SkyWest increased passenger boardings in November 2001, and managed to turn a profit in the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2001. Strong growth and impressive performance, regardless of the environment, have helped to make SkyWest Airlines the Regional Airline of the Year.

SkyWest Airlines operates as United Express and Delta Connection under marketing agreements with and United Airlines and Delta Air Lines, respectively. SkyWest serves 90 cities in 23 states with over 900 daily departures. SkyWest Airlines is the world’s largest independently operated regional carrier and is based in St. George, Utah.

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