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## **SkyWest Airlines to Open New Maintenance Base in Tucson, Ariz.**

### **For Immediate Release**

**ST. GEORGE, Utah**, June 19, 2002 – SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) announces the opening of a new maintenance base in Tucson, Ariz. The new facility will begin operations July 1, 2002, and will be fully functional by September 2002. This is SkyWest's fifth maintenance base, and it will exclusively service the airline's fleet of Bombardier manufactured Canadair Regional Jets (CRJ). The new base will not affect any existing SkyWest maintenance bases, which are located in Portland, Salt Lake City, and the Californian cities of Palm Springs and Fresno.

With SkyWest's plans to continue expanding their CRJ fleet, the opening of the Tucson base is a necessary move. The base will be approximately 31,000 square feet and will be located at Tucson International Airport. SkyWest will maintain the CRJ's used on both their United Express and Delta Connection operations. The base will also employ the services of 55 aviation professionals.

"We are very excited to open a maintenance base in Tucson," said Mike Gibson, SkyWest Airlines Vice President – Maintenance. "The city of Tucson and the airport have been very accommodating in helping us get started. It speaks volumes about the quality of people in the Tucson community. SkyWest is proud to increase our presence in Arizona, and we look forward to having a long and productive relationship in Tucson."

Known for convenience, comfort and speed, the CRJ aircraft features a comfortable two-by-two seating arrangement; every seat is an aisle or window, with no middle seats. The plane can cruise at 530 mph at altitudes as high as 41,000 feet, and is recognized as one of the quietest commercial aircraft in the world.

SkyWest Airlines is the nation's largest independently operated regional carrier and was recently named 2002 Regional Airline of the Year by Air Transport World. SkyWest Airlines operates as United Express and Delta Connection under marketing agreements with United Airlines and Delta Air Lines, respectively. SkyWest serves 83 cities with over 1,000 daily flights in the United States and Canada.

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

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