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SkyWest Airlines Receives Regional Airline Leadership Award

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ST. GEORGE, Utah, July 22, 2002 – SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) has received Airline Business magazine’s award for Regional Airline Leadership. The award was presented to SkyWest’s Chairman, President, and CEO Jerry C. Atkin at the inaugural Strategy Awards in London on July 21, 2002.

Among the criteria used by Airline Business magazine to select the recipient was the development of new opportunities for the regional sector and interaction with the strategies with mainline partners. Nominations for the awards were submitted by the magazine’s readers and the final decision was made by a distinguished panel of judges made up of seasoned airline veterans, each with experience running or advising major carriers around the world.

“We at SkyWest appreciate the recognition we receive for providing the best possible product to our customers and to our partners,” said Atkin. “We enjoy the suburb leadership that is provided by all of our employees. They are our best asset and are directly responsible for making SkyWest a successful airline. In an industry as volatile as ours, it is extremely reassuring to know that we are in good hands.”

SkyWest Airlines recently celebrated their 30-Year Anniversary and is the nation's largest independently operated regional carrier. In January, they were named 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 more than 1,000 daily flights in the United States and Canada.

This press release and information on SkyWest can be accessed at www.skywest.com.

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