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## **SkyWest Receives FAA's Aviation Maintenance Technician Gold Award**

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**St. George, UT, July 11, 2005** – SkyWest Airlines (NASDAQ: SKYW) is honored to receive the FAA's Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Gold Award for their outstanding attendance in initial and recurrent maintenance training.

Mike Gibson, Vice President of Maintenance, said, "I applaud our maintenance personnel for taking advantage of the training and resources they have available to them. Their dedication reaffirms SkyWest's commitment to a Safety First culture and keeps SkyWest a leader in the airline industry."

SkyWest is the proud recipient of the Gold Certificate of Excellence, as 15 percent of their eligible employees received individual AMT awards. AMT awards are presented to companies based on the percentage of employees who receive individual AMT awards each year.

Special recognition goes to the SkyWest employees in Colorado Springs, Denver, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Tucson for Diamond level participation in the program. In addition, Portland earned a Ruby Award and Salt Lake City a Silver Award. Each of the five award levels, beginning with the Bronze Award and ending with the Diamond Award, require additional training beyond standard FAA training on regulations and policy.

SkyWest Airlines was named the Number One On-Time Mainland Airline in the United States by the Department of Transportation for 2004, a year in which they carried 13.4 million passengers. System-wide, SkyWest has approximately 8,500 employees and serves a total of 106 cities in 30 states and three Canadian provinces with approximately 1,500 daily departures.

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