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## **SkyWest Airlines Receives Top Reliability Honors Named Most Reliable CRJ200 Operator in the Americas**

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**ST. GEORGE, UTAH April 22, 2009** – SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW), is the proud recipient of Bombardier’s 2008 Annual Airline Reliability Performance Award. Topping the CRJ100/200 product category for the Americas region, SkyWest took the prestigious title for the second year running. SkyWest earned the title in the same product and region category in 2007. The airline also received top honors for overall dispatch reliability.

“This award recognizes the caliber of SkyWest’s professionals throughout our operation,” said President and COO Russell “Chip” Childs. “I am extremely proud of our unparalleled team of more than 10,000 who work together to safely complete more than 1,500 flights every day.”

Todd Young, vice president of customer services and support for Bombardier Commercial Aircraft, added “Congratulations to your management team and to all the employees that contribute tirelessly to SkyWest’s operational excellence.”

Bombardier’s reliability award recognizes operators of Q-Series turboprops and CRJ regional jets that logged dispatch reliability rates of 99% or better throughout the year.

SkyWest Airlines, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) is the world’s largest independently-owned regional airline. SkyWest was awarded the FAA’s AMT Gold Award for maintenance training in 2004 and 2005, and the AMT Diamond award in 2006. System-wide, SkyWest employs more than 10,000 aviation professionals and serves a total of 150 cities in 39 states, five Canadian provinces and Mexico with more than 1,500 daily departures.

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