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**SkyWest Airlines and AirTran Airways Forge
Groundbreaking New Partnership**
*Partnership Increases Frequencies and Destinations from General Mitchell
International Airport*

SAINT GEORGE, UTAH Nov. 4, 2009 – SkyWest Airlines, Inc. a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW), and AirTran Airways, a subsidiary of AirTran Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: AAI), announced today that the airlines have secured a new marketing partnership to operate five 50-seat Bombardier CRJ200 aircraft between Milwaukee’s General Mitchell International Airport and six destinations.

Under the new partnership, it is anticipated that SkyWest Airlines will offer new nonstop service from Milwaukee to Akron/Canton, Ohio; Des Moines, Iowa; and Omaha, Neb.; and will add frequency from Milwaukee to Indianapolis, Ind.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; and St. Louis, Mo. SkyWest Airlines will launch its first flights carrying the AirTran Airways’ code from Milwaukee to Pittsburgh and St. Louis beginning Dec. 4, 2009.

“Under this new partnership, SkyWest’s Milwaukee passengers will enjoy more flights to more destinations with all the benefits of AirTran’s vast route network and A+ Rewards program,” said SkyWest Airlines President and COO Russell “Chip” Childs. “Together, SkyWest Airlines and AirTran will be committed to providing passengers with exceptional service, on-time flights, low fares and the best possible flying experience.”

“This unique partnership and expanded service is an exciting next step for our Milwaukee focus city,” said Kevin Healy, senior vice president, marketing and planning, AirTran Airways. “We are delighted to make new and interesting destinations available to our customers and now offer more choices than ever to, from, and through Milwaukee to the rest of the country.”

The chart below details the anticipated service out of Milwaukee announced today:

SkyWest Airlines Destinations	Daily Flights	Service Details
Akron/Canton	3	Effective January 5, 2010
Des Moines	3	Effective February 11, 2010
Indianapolis	3	Effective January 5, 2010
Omaha	3	Effective February 11, 2010
Pittsburgh	3	Effective December 4, 2009
St. Louis	3	Effective December 4, 2009

SkyWest Airlines' regional jet service between Milwaukee and six destinations will be sold in conjunction with AirTran jet service with revenue shared on a prorated basis. The aircraft will be placed into service in between December 2009 and February 2010. SkyWest Airlines will control local availability, authorization levels and use of all seat inventory for the aircraft used by SkyWest. SkyWest Airlines will assume fuel cost and will maintain all revenue and pricing responsibility for these routes.

The new SkyWest-AirTran partnership will increase connection options, choice and convenience for travelers. Tickets are available for purchase at www.AirTran.com or by calling 1-800-AIR-TRAN.

SkyWest Airlines, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) is the world's largest independently-owned regional airline. Named most reliable CRJ200 operator in the America's by Bombardier in 2007 and 2008, SkyWest was awarded the FAA's AMT Gold Award for maintenance training in 2004, 2005 and 2007, and the AMT Diamond award in 2006. System-wide, SkyWest Airlines 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. More about SkyWest Airlines and this press release can be found at www.skywest.com.

AirTran Airways, a subsidiary of AirTran Holdings, Inc., (NYSE:AAI) and a *Fortune* 1000 company, has been ranked the number one low cost carrier in the Airline Quality Rating study for the past two years. AirTran is the only major airline with Wi-Fi on every flight and offers coast-to-coast service on North America's newest all-Boeing fleet. Its low-cost, high-quality product also includes assigned seating, Business Class and complimentary XM Satellite Radio on every flight. To book a flight, visit www.AirTran.com.

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