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SeaPort Airlines expands travel offerings with new flights within the Southern United States

Oregon-based SeaPort Airlines announces today acceptance of a federal air service contract for flights to four Arkansas communities.

Portland, Ore. – SeaPort Airlines has accepted a federal air service contract to serve four Arkansas communities from a hub in Memphis, Tenn. The four communities are Jonesboro, El Dorado, Harrison, and Hot Springs, Ark. The airline will serve leisure and business travelers through three daily round-trip flights during the weekdays and three round-trip flights on the weekends.

SeaPort Airlines celebrated its first birthday on June 30, 2009, and this marks the airline's first major expansion outside the Pacific Northwest, where the carrier currently serves Boeing Field in Seattle, Wash., with daily flights to Portland, Pendleton, Astoria, and Newport Ore.

"We're excited to begin serving Memphis and these four Arkansas communities in the fall. This represents SeaPort's first major growth initiative and further strengthens our market niche for short distance air travel." says Kent Craford – CEO, SeaPort Airlines. "We have the ability to do in Arkansas what we're doing now in the Pacific Northwest which is filling a gap in travel that the old airlines are simply too big to fill."

SeaPort Airlines operates 36 daily scheduled flights in five Northwest cities with no TSA screening, bringing the convenience of a private aircraft to the average traveler for the same cost as commercial airlines. What SeaPort offers isn't just an alternative – it's the future of short-distance air travel.

Since its start June 30, 2008, SeaPort has carried over 20,000 passengers.

SeaPort Airlines operates Swiss-built Pilatus PC-12s, a pressurized, fast and comfortable turbo-prop aircraft. SeaPort Airlines is a dba of Alaska Juneau Aeronautics, an FAA Part 135 Certified scheduled air carrier founded in 1983. Tickets can be purchased at SeaPort's website, www.SeaPortAir.com or by calling 888.573.2767. See Web site for airfare, rules and availability.

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