

Okaloosa County News Release

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Inaugural Chicago Flight Takes Off Wednesday, September 5th

American Eagle begins non-stop flights from Okaloosa Regional Airport to Chicago on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. A ribbon cutting will be held at 2:30 p.m. to celebrate the event. The public is invited, and also invited to take advantage of low fares to Chicago, non-stop.

Average round-trip fares to Chicago are currently around \$200, and these flights are expected to attract approximately 15,000 additional passengers. Okaloosa Regional Airport experienced a 15 percent increase in passengers over July 2006 and is celebrating a national increase of 3.6 percent. The recent addition of Orlando and Cincinnati non-stop flights, as well as the recent airport expansion is contributing to the increased numbers.

Recently, Balfour Beatty Construction awarded The Okaloosa Regional Airport a National Excellence in Construction Merit Award they received from the Associated Builders and Contractors National Convention, for the airport expansion. For more information about Okaloosa County Airports, contact 850-651-7160 or visit our web site at www.co.okaloosa.fl.us.

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