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American Eagle Begins Non-stop Flights from Fort Walton Beach to Chicago in August

American Eagle announced its new, non-stop service from the Okaloosa Regional Airport to Chicago O'Hare Airport, beginning in August 2007. American anticipates the flight will depart Fort Walton Beach in the morning and return from O'Hare that same evening.

"The addition of a non-stop flight to Chicago is something we have been working on for a long time," stated Airport Director Jerry Sealy. "Chicago is one of our largest market areas, and this flight will allow for additional choice and convenience for our passengers, whether traveling for business or pleasure," he added.

Additionally, flights in the American Eagle 70-seat Regional Jet will increase the frequency of departure days based upon demand. The Okaloosa Regional Airport continues to grow and prosper, and added flights have the potential to open more doors for economic development in the local area.

Other recently added flights include direct to Orlando flights, as well as flights to Cincinnati beginning in June, both via the Delta Connection. Future airport improvements include a new, consolidated rental car facility, as well as a new Air Traffic Control Tower at Destin Airport, complementing the newly-completed air terminal there. For more information on Okaloosa Regional Airport, Destin Airport or Bob Sikes Airport, contact 850-651-7160 or visit www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/airport.

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