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Small Airports Air Service Conference Descends on Destin for First-time Visit *Comparable-Size Airport Managers Tour Northwest Florida Regional Airport*

"We are pleased to bring more than 80 airport and airline attendees together in Northwest Florida. We chose the region for its beaches, great weather, and outstanding air service growth. This is a great opportunity to showcase the area to airline decision makers," says Mark Sixel, Sixel Consulting Group.

The Small Airports Air Service Conference at Sandestin began on Wednesday with 36 airports and 9 airlines in attendance, some seeing the area for the first time. In addition to great networking opportunities, attendees will learn more about current industry trends, successful program examples, funding and the future of air service in small communities.

"As always happens with first-time visitors, attendees to the conference are astounded by the beauty of the area beaches," stated Business Development Manager Mike Stenson, NWF Regional Airport. Sixel is a consulting group that helps airports attract new service. Next month the Military Joint Use Conference is coming to Destin's Emerald Grand.

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