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## **Will Rogers World Airport Welcomes SkyWest Airlines Maintenance Facility**

OKLAHOMA CITY, August 22, 2017 – WRWA is excited to welcome SkyWest Airlines as its newest airline partner. SkyWest has announced plans to build a 135,000 square foot hangar at Will Rogers World Airport's Lariat Landing to serve as a regional maintenance facility for the airline's Bombardier CRJ and Embraer 175 (E175) aircraft. The company plans to invest approximately \$30 million for land and construction of the facility, in addition to job creation. Construction began in July 2017 and the facility is expected to be open for operations in summer 2018.

SkyWest currently operates in Oklahoma City as a regional carrier for four major airlines – Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, American Airlines and Alaska Airlines. The company expects to hire or relocate at least 100 aircraft mechanics to work out of the new facility. The City of Oklahoma City's Quality Jobs Program and the State of Oklahoma's Strategic Investment Program helped facilitate the project.

The hangar will be constructed on a site located in Lariat Landing, WRWA's premier development area. The facility will have direct airfield access via Taxiway H1 and landside access from the newly opened Portland Avenue. The SkyWest hangar will become the third anchor tenant in the development, neighboring Field Aviation to the north and Atlantic Aviation to the south.

"We are very pleased that SkyWest has chosen Will Rogers World Airport and Oklahoma City as the location for their new maintenance facility," said Mark Kranenburg, airports director. "The collaborative efforts of all involved – the airport, City, State and SkyWest – made it all come together. We look forward to this new partnership and the continued growth of the aviation sector in our community."

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Will Rogers World Airport is the city's commercial airport and accommodates over 3.8 million travelers each year. The airport serves 23 nonstop airports with an average of 65 daily departures. Will Rogers World Airport is owned by the City of Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma City Airport Trust oversees the management and operation of the airport.