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Chicago Rockford International Airport Continues Growth of Passenger Service

More than 20 Percent Growth in First Six Months

ROCKFORD, Ill. – Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) continues to grow in its passenger service with a 6 percent increase in passengers in June 2011 over June 2010. This marks a 20 percent increase of passengers flying through RFD from January – June 2011 over the same timeframe last year.

In June 2011, 15,026 passengers flew in and out of RFD compared with 14,166 passengers in June 2010. One of the reasons for the increase is the expanded service to Cancun through June. The increase is the seventh straight month of year-over-year growth.

Year to date, 111,215 passengers have flown in and out of RFD, which is more than a 20 percent increase over January – June 2010. On average, flights to and from RFD have been 89 percent full this year; in June that number was 93 percent.

“One of our strategic goals has been to provide passengers from around the region a hassle-free experience with low-cost options to many destinations. The numbers are showing that we are continuing to get our message out,” said Bharat Puri, Chairman of the Greater Rockford Airport Authority Board of Commissioners. “We look forward to continuing to even further grow and expand our passenger service offerings.”

Last week, RFD announced tickets are on sale for nonstop flights to Denver on Frontier Airlines. The three-day a week service between RFD and Denver International Airport (DIA) will start on December 16.

“We’re very pleased to see our passenger service grow and we’ll continue to ensure a quality customer experience for those who choose RFD for their flights,” said Amy Ott, interim executive director of RFD.

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