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GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN TRAINING AWARD

GAINESVILLE, Fla – March 23, 2010 – Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV) was recognized by the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) for earning an ANTN Digicast Excellence in Airport Training award for calendar year 2009.

“We are honored to be a recipient of this award and will continue to diligently complete our training curriculum utilizing AAAE’s Web-based training system,” said Shaun Blevins, Airport Operations Manager. “This system provides flexibility by allowing airport operations and maintenance staff to individually complete training between their daily responsibilities.”

The award signifies that an airport's workers have completed a certain amount of federally mandated airport-specific and continuing education training using the Web-based training system. The award levels are based on total training programs watched and total number of employees trained at each airport. Levels vary based on the airport's size. The airport was presented with a plaque for this achievement.

"AAAE recognizes the Excellence in Airport Training airport award winners' dedication to improving their airports' operations and preparedness through advanced training," said Joan Lowden, AAAE senior vice president of communications and general manager of AAAE's Airport News and Training Network (ANTN) division that produces ANTN Digicast. "More than 200 airports rely on Digicast's Web-based training to satisfy both federally mandated training needs and advanced training curriculum. We're constantly working to make it more valuable to airports seeking simple, cost-saving training solutions."

The ANTN Digicast video training system provides thousands of airport employees at more than 200 subscribing airports with on-demand video training on every aspect of running an airport: operations, ARFF, security, customer service, human resources, and more. ANTN Digicast programming is accessible online via any Web-enabled computer, and the system tracks training on a per-user basis, allowing airports to demonstrate to regulators that their employees have completed required, recurrent training.

About Gainesville Regional Airport

Gainesville Regional Airport serves North Central Florida and the Heart of Florida through all facets of aviation: general aviation, commercial airlines, military and air cargo. Located in Gainesville, Florida, just minutes away from the University of Florida, Gainesville Regional Airport provides a close, convenient and competitively priced “gateway” to the Heart of Florida. For more information, visit www.flygainesville.com.

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