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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Seasonal Flights to Punta Gorda, FL from Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport Have Concluded. Seasonal Flights to Myrtle Beach, SC Resume May 27th.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS..... The twice weekly seasonal flights from Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport (SPI) to Punta Gorda/Ft. Myers, Florida (PGD) on Direct Air ended April 17th. Twice weekly flights to Myrtle Beach, SC, also on Direct Air, are scheduled to resume May 27th.

“Florida has always been a top destination for travelers flying from Springfield and the surrounding communities,” stated Springfield Airport Authority Executive Director, Mark Hanna. “The twice weekly non-stop flights were extremely successful with virtual sellouts in the majority of flights,” continued Hanna.

Each twice-weekly plane had a capacity of approximately 155 passengers. The seasonal flight schedule from Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport began October 4th, 2009 and ran through April 17th, 2010. Up to 90% of the available seats were sold during this time period. Ticket audits completed at Capital Airport indicated many passengers originated outside of the Springfield metro area, and included air travelers from East St. Louis, Alton, Quincy, Bloomington and the Peoria areas.

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“The Springfield market and Capital Airport have embraced these flights and made this first season to Florida a huge success,” declared Direct Air’s President, Ed Warneck. “At Direct Air, we’re looking forward to another sell-out season with twice weekly flights to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and we’ll continue to support the Springfield market with these direct flights,” continued Warneck. *[For more information contact Direct Air at www.visitdirectair.com or 877-432-DIRECT (3473)].*

ABOUT ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAPITAL AIRPORT

Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport is one of the fastest growing regional airports in the Midwest and experienced a 5.35% passenger growth in 2009, despite a nationwide trend of decreased enplanements. Currently, United and American Airlines have multiple, daily flights to Chicago’s O’Hare International. Direct Air offers seasonal flights to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Ft. Myers/Punta Gorda, Florida. Capital Airport is home to the Passenger Service Center, the only on-site airport operated customer service center in central Illinois, and Sky Club, an unparalleled level of service for frequent travelers.

More information, including a complete listing of arrivals and departures can be found online at www.FlySpi.com or by calling the Passenger Service Center at 217.788.9200.

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