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Re: EAS Order 2008-2-9

Dear Mr. DeVany:

The Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport Authority is in receipt of the proposal from Mesaba Airlines, d/b/a Northwest Airlinck to provide essential air service to the citizens of the Hattiesburg-Laurel region.

As the Hattiesburg-Laurel area continues to grow, the Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport Authority is committed to providing the best service available to its citizens. As long standing partners with Northwest Airlines in providing that service, it is with great pleasure that we recommend the selection of Mesaba's proposal for essential air service to this region.

We appreciate your efforts in securing our essential air service carrier and look forward to continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Danny R. Shows  
Vice Chairman