

# **Grand Junction Regional Airport Air Service Incentive Program**

### Background

The Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority has developed the following air service incentive program to increase access and affordability of commercial air service at GJT in accordance with applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules and guidance.

## Goal of the Program

The goal of the Grand Junction Regional Airport Air Service Incentive Program is to increase access to affordable air service at GJT through new passenger service to unserved destinations with an emphasis on in-demand, target markets.

## **Definition of Key Terms**

- 1. Unserved Destination Airport destination without nonstop service in the past six months
- 2. New Service Nonstop service connecting GJT with an unserved destination
- 3. Additional Service Nonstop service from an air carrier to a destination not currently served by that air carrier from GJT
- 4. Seasonal Service Airport destination with scheduled nonstop service for between 12 consecutive weeks and 50 consecutive weeks in a 12-month period

## **Targeted Airport Destinations**

Through rigorous analysis and conversations with community stakeholders, GJT has identified the following target markets and airport destinations for new air service:

**Table 1: GJT Target Airport Destinations** 

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| Target Market                            | Target Airport Destinations |
| New York Area                            | LGA, JFK, EWR, and SWF      |
| Washington D.C.                          | DCA, BWI, and IAD           |
| Chicago                                  | ORD and MDW                 |
| Los Angeles                              | LAX, ONT, LGB, BUR, and SNA |
| San Francisco                            | SFO, OAK, and SJC           |
| Seattle                                  | SEA and PAE                 |
| Houston                                  | IAH and HOU                 |
| Atlanta                                  | ATL                         |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul                     | MSP                         |
| Charlotte                                | CLT                         |
| Detroit                                  | DTW                         |
| Dallas                                   | DAL                         |
| Portland                                 | PDX                         |
| Philadelphia                             | PHL                         |
| San Diego                                | SAN                         |
| Austin                                   | AUS                         |

## **Incentive Categories**

New Service to a Targeted Unserved Destination



Eligibility: Any passenger air carrier establishing new service to a Targeted Destination as outlined in Table 1. The Targeted Destination must be an Unserved Destination from GJT at the time service is initiated.

- 1. **Year-round, daily service to a Targeted, Unserved Destination:** An air carrier is eligible for a 100% landing fee waiver for 24 months, 100% waiver of common use space rent for the first 12 months and a 50% waiver in Year 2; \$50,000 in marketing support for new service to be used during the first 24 months of service.
- 2. **Year-round, less than daily service to a Targeted, Unserved Destination:** An air carrier is eligible for a 100% landing fee waiver for 24 months, 100% waiver of common use space rent for the first 12 months and a 50% waiver in Year 2; \$25,000 in marketing support for new service to be used during the first 24 months of service.
- 3. Seasonal service to a Targeted, Unserved Destination: An air carrier is eligible for a 100% landing fee waiver for 24 months, 100% waiver of common use space rent for the first 12 months and a 50% waiver in Year 2; \$25,000 in marketing support for new service scheduled to operate at least twice a week to be used during the first 24 months of service.

New Service to an Unserved, Non-Target Destination

Eligibility: Any passenger air carrier establishing service to a new destination not included in Table 1.

1. **New service to an Unserved, non-targeted Destination:** An air carrier is eligible for a 100% landing fee waiver for 12 months.

## Expanded Service to an Existing Destination

*Eligibility*: Any passenger air carrier establishing service to a destination currently served or suspended within the past 6 months.

 Additional Service to an existing destination: A air carrier is eligible for a 100% landing fee waiver for 12 months.

#### New Entrant Incentive

*Eligibility:* Any passenger air carrier that did not serve GJT during the last 18 months. The new entrant incentive is able to be combined with any of the new service categories listed above.

1. **New entrant carrier:** A new entrant air carrier is eligible for a 100% waiver of preferential use space rent for the first 12 months and a 50% waiver in Year 2.



## **Terms and Conditions**

- 1. This incentive program is effective immediately and may be amended by the Grand Junction Airport Authority at any time.
- 2. This incentive program will be administered in compliance with federal law, the Airport Improvement Program Grant Assurances, and FAA policy, including the *Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenue* (1999) and the *Air Carrier Incentive Program Guidebook* (2010).
- 3. Participation in this program requires an incentive agreement between the Grand Junction Airport Authority and an air carrier. The Airport Authority reserves the right, based on budget availability, to limit an incentive on a specific route to the first air carrier to sign an incentive agreement.
- 4. To qualify for incentives, a seasonal route must be operated for a minimum of 12 consecutive weeks.
- 5. An air carrier may only qualify for an incentive for a particular route one time. Seasonal service may not receive an incentive each time it returns for a new season.
- 6. To qualify for incentives, a carrier must be current on payment of rates and charges.
- 7. Air carriers must operate service throughout duration of the promotional period at the level specified.
- 8. Air carriers must use the passenger terminal in order to qualify for incentives.
- 9. Air carriers may choose to forgo some or all fee waivers and rent abatements for an increased marketing incentive of equal value based upon service schedule and aircraft gauge committed at the time of entering into an incentive agreement with GJT. If the airline changes its frequency or gauge over the incentive period, the amount of the marketing incentive will be increased or reduced accordingly.
- 10. Incentives may not be transferred from one carrier to another. Incentives cannot be transferred between routes.
- 11. Additional incentives including marketing support and minimum revenue guarantees (MRG) may be available through Grand Junction Regional Air Service Alliance.