



**FORT WAYNE-ALLEN COUNTY
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SMITH FIELD AIRPORT

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Airport Celebrates Start of New Northwest Airlines Non-Stop Service between Minneapolis/St. Paul and Fort Wayne, Indiana

FORT WAYNE, IN – Monday, May 5, 2008, authorities at Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA) will inaugurate the start of Northwest Airlines' new daily non-stop service between the Minneapolis/St. Paul hub and Fort Wayne with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The event will begin at 6:00 A.M. in front of the Northwest ticket counter at FWA.

Northwest Airlink partner Pinnacle Airlines will operate the new service using 50-seat CRJ-200 aircraft. Northwest flight 4780 will depart Minneapolis/St. Paul at 8:15 p.m. and arrive in Fort Wayne at 10:55 p.m. Northwest flight 4781 will depart Fort Wayne at 7:20 a.m. and arrive in Minneapolis/St. Paul at 8:02 a.m.

“This new service represents a huge victory for the residents of our region. In addition to providing an excellent routing option for travel to the western United States, this opens up 50 additional one-stop destinations from Fort Wayne, including destinations in the Orient,” explains Tory Richardson, Executive Director of Airports for the Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority.

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Northwest is offering 1,000 WorldPerks Bonus Miles for roundtrip travel between Minneapolis/St. Paul and Fort Wayne from May 2 through July 15, 2008. Registration is required prior to travel. Additional terms and conditions apply. Details can be found at www.nwa.com/offers/mspfwa08.

The new flights between Minneapolis/St. Paul and Fort Wayne are available for booking at www.nwa.com, through travel agencies or by calling Northwest Airlines Reservations at 1-800-225-2525.

The Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority (FWACAA) was created in 1985 and is responsible for managing the Fort Wayne International Airport and Smith Field. Since FWACAA's inception, Fort Wayne International Airport has undergone an aggressive improvements plan which included expansion of the terminal and parking areas, upgrades to the runways, and the creation of a new Air Trade Center to promote economic development in Northeast Indiana. As a result of FWACAA's commitment to customer service, Fort Wayne International Airport was recognized by *USA Today* as one of the friendliest airports in the nation. The Authority is governed by a six-member board appointed by both the Mayor of Fort Wayne and the Allen County Commissioners.

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