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ExpressJet Airlines and ATP Flight School Announce Tuition Reimbursement Program

ATLANTA – October 17, 2016 — ExpressJet Airlines (“ExpressJet”) and ATP Flight School (“ATP”) today announced a Tuition Reimbursement Program agreement, which promotes the airline pilot career by making it more financially obtainable and providing a direct path to become a pilot at ExpressJet. Per the agreement, graduates of ATP’s Career Pilot Program, with at least 300 hours total time, can interview with ExpressJet. Those who accept ExpressJet’s conditional job offer will receive financial contributions toward their flight training loan payment – up to \$11,000 in total – as they earn experience as a paid flight instructor with ATP.

“Providing student pilots and flight instructors with the resources necessary to gain experience, prepare for their future airline career and at the same time create opportunities to help alleviate the financial burden is a top priority for our airline,” said Darrin Greubel, Director of Flight Operations at ExpressJet.

Through this partnership, ExpressJet Airlines will continue its efforts to educate, engage and empower pilots and flight training providers across the country. The airline looks forward to expanding its relationship with the staff and students of the 39 ATP flight-training centers across the country.

This program is a five-step agreement that provides a distinct pathway from ATP to ExpressJet:

1. Graduate from ATP’s Airline Career Pilot Program
2. Gain experience with ATP as a paid certified flight instructor
3. Interview with ExpressJet between 300 and 500 hours total time
4. Accept ExpressJet’s job offer and tuition reimbursement payments
5. Begin your career at ExpressJet upon reaching 1500 hours total time

“We look forward to this new partnership with ExpressJet and the opportunity it presents for our graduates,” said Justin Dennis, ATP Vice President. “ExpressJet’s financial commitment to pilot training is a significant part of solving the nation’s pilot shortage.”

About ExpressJet Airlines

Headquartered in Atlanta, ExpressJet Airlines, a wholly owned subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc., is a regional airline leader with 7,500 aviation professionals, an average of more than 1,500 daily flights and an all-jet fleet of Embraer and Bombardier aircraft. Through capacity purchase agreements, ExpressJet operates as American Eagle, Delta Connection and United Express to serve more than 180 airports in the U.S., Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean. For more information, visit expressjet.com.

About ATP Flight School

In 1984, ATP pioneered accelerated multi-engine flight training with an emphasis on pilot career development. Today ATP's Airline Career Pilot Program prepares pilots for airline careers from zero time to 1500 hours, with CFI jobs and airline employment. Addressing the pilot shortage, airlines attract new pilots to the industry with ATP's Tuition Reimbursement Program, where airlines sponsor a portion of pilots' flight training loan repayment. ATP also provides type-rating certification across most of the Boeing and Airbus fleet including ATP CTP certification. ATP's 276 aircraft fly over 160,000 hours annually to provide more than 4,500 FAA pilot certificates each year. As America's largest flight school, ATP is the leading supplier of professionally trained pilots to the nation's regional airlines.

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