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Trans States Holdings Buys Compass Airlines

St. Louis, MO -- Trans States Holdings, Inc. announced today that the company has purchased Minneapolis-based Compass Airlines, formerly a wholly-owned subsidiary of Delta Air Lines, Inc.

Under the terms of the purchase, Compass and Delta Air Lines have signed a 10-year agreement for Compass to continue operating as a Delta Connection carrier.

"We are extremely excited and pleased with today's announcement. Compass Airlines has an excellent reputation for providing safe, high quality and reliable airline service. They have provided Delta with outstanding service over the years and we are convinced that their product will only get better as the years go on," said Trans States Holdings President Rick Leach.

Leach went on to say, "Trans States Holdings is also looking forward to the 10-year partnership with Delta Air Lines, the largest airline in the world. This new relationship, along with our other partnerships, positions us very well to take advantage of future opportunities in the regional airline sector."

About Compass Airlines, Inc.

Compass is a member of the Delta Connection program, operating more than 170 flights each day to 35 airports in 20 states, Canada and Mexico. Based in Minneapolis/St. Paul, the airline operates a fleet of 36 aircraft and employs nearly 1000 aviation professionals across its route system. Founded in 2007, Compass has operated as a Northwest AirlinK and Delta Connection carrier since then. For more information about Compass Airlines, please visit <http://www.compassairline.com>.

About Trans States Holdings, Inc.

Established in 1998, Trans States Holdings, Inc. is the parent company of now three regional airlines, Trans States Airlines, GoJet Airlines and the newest, Compass Airlines. Trans States Airlines, established in 1982 as Resort Air, grew to the second largest privately-held regional airline in the United States. Trans States currently operates as United Express and US Airways Express. The current fleet of 50-seat Embraer regional jets served nearly 2.4 million passengers in 2009. Information regarding Trans States Airlines can be found at www.transstates.net. GoJet Airlines, began passenger service in 2005. Serving 30 cities as United Express, 2.1 million passengers boarded GoJet's fleet of Bombardier CRJ700 66-seat aircraft in 2009. Visit www.gojetairlines.com for further information. Together, Trans States Holdings' regional airlines' 1,400 employees serve nearly five million passengers annually to 69 cities on 330 daily flights.

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