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Trans States Airlines Launches Aviators Pilot Internship Program

Innovative program provides defined pathway to the flight deck for talented student pilots

SAINT LOUIS – June 1, 2016 – Trans States Airlines is pleased to announce the launch of a new pipeline program for aspiring commercial pilots. The Trans States Airlines Aviators Program is a long-term internship for student pilots enrolled in a professional pilot training program. The program identifies promising pilots early on in their flight training and begins preparing them for the Trans States Airlines flight deck while they are still in school.

Any student with a Private Pilot's License and currently enrolled in a pilot training program is eligible to apply. Once accepted, Aviators are entitled to a number of benefits, including professional guidance from a Trans States Airlines pilot mentor for the duration of their internship. Another key benefit that participants receive is the opportunity to participate in the Trans States Airlines Command Leadership course, a program typically offered only to Trans States Airlines command pilots. Participants will also visit the airline's corporate headquarters in St. Louis, where they'll sit in on a systems training class, meet the Flight Operations management team and tour System Operations Control, as well as our maintenance hangar.

Additionally, each Aviator acts as a Trans States Airlines field recruiter, representing the airline at various recruiting events. Aviators earn \$1,500 for each pilot that they refer to Trans States that is hired and completes training (funds are banked until the Aviator becomes a Trans States Airlines employee).

Aviators become Trans States Airlines First Officers upon completion of ATP minimums. Upon completion of new hire training, participants receive all of their banked referral bonuses and are eligible for \$10,000 in tuition reimbursement.

"We're excited to be able to provide such a dynamic, hands-on training program for future pilots," said Trans States Airlines Chief Operating Officer, Fred Oxley. "This program provides immersive, real-world experience that will provide value to students while in school and when they become line pilots."

For further information regarding this program or to apply, please email pilothiring@transstates.net.

About Trans States Airlines

Trans States Airlines operates a fleet of Embraer 145 aircraft on behalf of United Airlines and American Airlines. Trans States is one of the fastest growing regional airlines in the country, with 52 additional Embraer 145 aircraft scheduled for delivery through 2016. Trans States expects to serve over 4.6 million passengers in 2016, with approximately 237 daily flights providing service to over 70 cities in North America. Headquartered in St. Louis, MO, Trans States has crew domiciles in St. Louis (STL), Chicago (ORD), Washington D.C. (IAD), Denver (DEN) and Raleigh-Durham (RDU).