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Trans States Airlines and Epic Flight Academy Join Forces to Provide Unique Training Program

Program waives \$15,000 in training costs for Epic students who commit to fly for Trans States Airlines

Trans States Airlines is pleased to announce that it has partnered with Florida-based Epic Flight Academy on a unique new pipeline program. Epic Flight Academy students who agree to fly for Trans States after finishing the requisite hours are now eligible for \$15,000 in waived training costs. Each participating student pilot receives \$10,000 in paid training courtesy of Trans States, plus an additional \$5,000 Epic training credit. The program is geared towards pilots who have some hours, but don't have the minimum number of hours required to apply for a commercial job.

Once students complete their primary training with Epic, they spend two to three months earning their flight instructor ratings. The \$10,000 contributed by Trans States goes towards students' instructor training, while their \$5,000 Epic training credit can be applied to either their primary or instructor training. Upon completion of their instructor ratings, students are hired on as Epic flight instructors, which allows them to simultaneously earn money and build time.

Trans States interviews each enrolled student at the beginning of their training and continually checks on their progress throughout the duration of the program. When participants are approximately three months from finishing their hours, they start preparing to make the transition to Trans States Airlines First Officer. They visit corporate headquarters in St. Louis, are paired with a pilot mentor, and start building seniority.

The ability to start earning seniority quickly is one of the key benefits of this partnership. "Epic students are going to be coming in as a First Officer with up to 90 days of seniority, as opposed to coming in as a new hire with no seniority," said Director of Flight Operations Keith Stamper. "That means these students may never sit a day of reserve until they upgrade to Captain."

"Another significant benefit of this program is that students receive funding up front," added Epic Flight Academy's Danny Perna. "This partnership is not a tuition reimbursement program, meaning that the funds students receive do not accumulate interest."

"We are honored to provide students such a great program that allows them to jump start their career while minimizing their financial obligations," said Trans States Airlines Chief Operating Officer, Fred Oxley. "Becoming a pilot can be expensive, and it's important that airlines take a proactive role in making flying an affordable career option."

For more information regarding this partnership or to apply, please visit:
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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).