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News Release

SPIRIT AIRLINES BEGINS NEW SERVICE TO FIVE U.S. CITIES FROM CHICAGO O'HARE

CHICAGO –Spirit Airlines today launched new service from Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) to five U.S. cities.

Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino joined Barry Biffle, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for Spirit Airlines, to welcome the airline's inaugural flights. Spirit's first flight from Chicago O'Hare to Dallas Fort Worth International Airport was celebrated at Terminal 3, L Concourse, Gate L9, with a deep dish pizza delivery from Lou Malnati's Pizzeria. The airlines' first flight from Boston Logan International Airport received a water cannon salute by the Chicago Fire Department.

Spirit Airlines began multiple daily flights to Boston, Dallas/Fort Worth, Detroit Metro Airport and New York/LaGuardia today. In addition, Spirit will begin daily service to Orlando International Airport on November 10, 2011.

"We commend Spirit Airlines for substantially increasing its U.S. travel destinations from O'Hare International Airport," said Andolino. "New air service to the Chicago market is an important part of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's vision to bolster Chicago's leading position in the global aviation system while creating new economic opportunities for our region."

Spirit Airlines has operated from Terminal 3 at O'Hare since October 2000, offering daily nonstop service to Atlantic City, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"We are thrilled to be adding service from Chicago to five new cities and are excited to be giving even more consumers the opportunity to save money on travel. Our ultra-low base fares with a range of optional services allow customers the freedom to choose the extras they value," Biffle said.

"Spirit's focus on sustainability, including the efficiency of its modern fleet and energy conservation programs at Spirit headquarters, are a great fit with Chicago's green initiatives and the CDA's strong commitment to the environment," added Commissioner Andolino.

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Spirit's modern fleet enables the airline to burn less fuel than competitors, making Spirit one of the most environmentally friendly U.S. carriers.

Spirit Airlines is the largest Ultra Low Cost Carrier (ULCC) in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. Spirit's all-Airbus fleet, the youngest in the Americas, flies more than 175 daily flights to over 45 destinations.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit [www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com) to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainability initiatives for airport planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance, and concessions and tenants at O'Hare and Midway International Airports in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) Version 2.0, released in November 2010. To view case studies, lessons learned, new technologies, and to learn about the upcoming Airports Going Green Conference in Chicago on October 31- November 2, 2011, please visit [www.airportsgoinggreen.org](http://www.airportsgoinggreen.org).

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit [www.oharemodernization.org](http://www.oharemodernization.org) to learn more about the OMP.

### **About Spirit Airlines**

Spirit Airlines (Nasdaq: SAVE) empowers customers to save money on air travel by offering ultra low base fares with a range of optional services for a fee, allowing customers the freedom to choose only the extras they value. This innovative approach grows the traveling market and stimulates new economic activity while creating new jobs. Spirit's modern fleet, configuration and other innovations enable Spirit to burn less fuel per seat than competitors, making Spirit the most environmentally-friendly U.S. carrier. Spirit's all-Airbus fleet currently operates more than 175 daily flights to over 45 destinations throughout the U.S., Latin America and Caribbean. Visit Spirit at [www.spirit.com](http://www.spirit.com).

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Editor's Note – Two high resolution photos are embedded in the release.



Photo 1 caption – Spirit Airlines celebrated adding new service to five U.S. cities from O’Hare International Airport on Aug. 18, 2011. Spirit’s first flight from Chicago O’Hare to Dallas Fort Worth International Airport to Chicago O’Hare was celebrated at Terminal 3, L Concourse, Gate L9, with a deep dish pizza delivery from Lou Malnati’s Pizzeria. Spirit’s first flight from Boston Logan International Airport received a water cannon salute by the Chicago Fire Department. (Left to right) Barry Biffle, Spirit Airlines Executive Vice President/Chief Marketing Officer; Meggie Eck, Lou Malnati’s Pizzeria; Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) and Michael Pewther, Spirit Airlines Senior Director, Sales, participated in the festivities.

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Photo 2 caption – Spirit Airlines celebrated adding new service to five U.S. cities from O'Hare International Airport on Aug. 18, 2011. Spirit's first flight from Boston Logan International Airport received a water cannon salute by the Chicago Fire Department. Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA); Barry Biffle, Spirit Airlines Executive Vice President/Chief Marketing Officer; Michael Pewther, Spirit Airlines Senior Director, Sales and Meggie Eck, Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, participated in the festivities.

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