



SMALL COMMUNITY AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM RELEASED FOR 2009

EUGENE, OREGON (Friday, July 17, 2009) – The US Department of Transportation today released its request for proposals for the 2009 version of the Small Community Air Service Development Grant Program. The Program has awarded more than \$60 million since 2002 to help non-hub and small-hub airports recruit additional service and reduce local airfares. This year's *Grants will be due in just six weeks*, on Friday, August 28, 2009.

The 2009 version of the Program will release a total of \$8 million in funding, which is a 16% increase in funding over 2008. In 2008 a total of 16 projects were funded, of which 28% - went to projects at SCG client airports. SCG also won the single largest Grant awarded in 2008 - of \$750,000 - for revenue guarantees and marketing of new service in Springfield, Illinois.

An SCG analysis of 2008's grant awards shows the vast majority of grant funding went to airports seeking revenue guarantees and marketing support for new routes and new carriers. A total of \$5.6 million in grant money went to these kinds of projects – 81% of the total funding awarded. Another 12% of funding went to airports seeking their first air service.

Since the inception of the Small Community Air Service Development Program, Sixel Consulting Group proposals have been recognized for their excellence, earning more than \$5 million in grant awards for airports all over the country. Many SCG grant-supported services are still operating, such as United's service between Idaho Falls and Denver, Kalispell and Denver, and Helena and Denver.

More information on this year's Grant awards is available from the Department of Transportation at:

<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/ContentViewer?objectId=09000064809f3e53&disposition=attachment&contentType=pdf>

About Sixel Consulting Group:

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