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## **EagleMed Opens New Helicopter Base at Salina Municipal Airport**

Salina, Kan. – The Salina Airport Authority has leased hangar space previously occupied by Raytheon Aircraft to EagleMed, a division of Ballard Aviation, Inc., for use as a helicopter base for medical transport flights.

This expansion is an element of the Salina Airport Authority's aggressive program to recruit aviation related businesses to "America's Fuel Stop," said Tim Rogers, the airport's executive director. "EagleMed will be an excellent addition to a diverse group of aviation businesses based at the Salina Municipal Airport," he added.

EagleMed, which provides critical care air transport services from bases in other Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri communities, will be housed in one of several hangars being renovated for new airport tenants as part of the expansion of the SLN Aviation Service Center complex on the airport.

Salina Regional Health Center, the Salina Airport Authority and EagleMed jointly announced plans to provide more complete service to Salina and north central Kansas by locating EagleMed's medically equipped helicopter at the Salina Municipal Airport 12 hours per day, seven days a week beginning in July.

Every EagleMed helicopter is a flying intensive care unit staffed by a registered nurse, paramedic and pilot with on-line medical direction provided by Steve Henson, M.D.

“This is great news for north central Kansas,” said Randy Peterson, President/CEO of Salina Regional Health Center. “Having a helicopter service will facilitate more timely care for patients in this region. Basically, we’ve just knocked off 45 minutes of flight time by having EagleMed located right here in Salina.”

EagleMed transport teams can be accessed by any physician, nurse, EMS, law enforcement or firefighters. The EagleMed helicopters are airborne within five to eight minutes from the time requests are received and travel at speeds exceeding 135 mph. The helicopter allows the flight team to land at the scene of an accident or at local hospitals.

“EagleMed is going to be a great asset to our community,” stated Gerald Cook, President/CEO of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce, “not only will it enhance Salina’s position as a regional provider of health care, it will build upon our efforts to promote the Salina Municipal Airport to other aviation related companies.”

Jim Ballard, CEO of EagleMed is very excited to be working with Salina Regional Health Center to place a medically equipped helicopter in Salina beginning on June 15, 2004. “We find the management of SRHC, EMS personnel and the citizens of Salina have the same vision and values as our own – and EagleMed will become an extension to the medical professions already providing outstanding medical care in this region.”

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*The Salina Municipal Airport is the home base for fourteen aviation businesses and operations including America Jet at SLN, Aerospace Systems & Technologies, Inc., Kansas Wing Headquarters – Civil Air Patrol, Flower Aviation, Kansas Army National Guard Aviation Support Facility, Kansas State University Salina College of Technology and Aviation, Kansas Highway Patrol Aviation, Professional Flight Training, LC, Raytheon Aircraft Company – Salina Division, Bradley Trucking Co., Salina Aircraft Services and the corporate flight departments for ADM Milling Company, Blue Beacon International and Plains Environmental.*

*The SLN Aviation Service Center has available hangar space and room for growth to accommodate a wide array of aviation related industries. The Salina Air Traffic Control Tower logs over 85,000 annual aircraft operations and the two FBOs deliver over 4.4 million gallons of aviation fuel to the aircraft using the Salina Municipal Airport. For more information regarding expansion opportunities at “America’s Fuel Stop,” contact us at 785.827.3914 or visit the available properties link at <http://www.salinaairport.com> today!*