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Runway 17/35 – at SLN Now Open

Salina, Kan. – The 12,300 foot Runway 17/35 at the Salina Municipal Airport was reopened on Saturday, July 31, 2004. The runway reopened after being closed on May 3, 2004 for a FAA funded runway rehabilitation project.

A \$2.4 million FAA Airport Improvement Program grant funded a new runway surface, new high intensity runway lights, resurfaced taxiways and a new backup power generator for airfield lighting. The total cost of the project was \$2.7 million.

Customers of SLN's two highly-ranked refueling FBO's, America Jet at SLN and Flower Aviation-Salina quickly resumed using the 2.3 mile long runway 17/35 for refueling stops, pilot training, aircraft testing, air freight operations and air carrier flights.

In April 2004, *Aviation International News* ranked America Jet at SLN as one of the top six FBO's in the state of Kansas.

In May 2004, Flower Aviation-Salina was ranked the fourth best FBO in the United States by *Professional Pilot* magazine in its *PRASE 2004 Survey*. SLN is the only airport in the five-state mid-continent region of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma to be served by two highly ranked FBO's.

The Runway 17/35 project is one of several recent significant improvements at SLN. On June 30, 2003, the Salina Airport Authority commissioned the

new 4,300-foot Runway 18/36. On November 16, 2002, the FAA commissioned a new state-of-the-art, 96-foot control tower at SLN. These projects have added capacity, reduced delays and increased safety at SLN according to Tim Rogers, A.A.E., and the executive director for the Salina Airport Authority.

“The Salina Municipal Airport is better prepared to serve in its role as a mid-continent fuel stop, pilot training site, aircraft test location and center for aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO).” Rogers commented.

In addition to completing the Runway 17/35 project, the Salina Airport Authority is remodeling two large aircraft hangers. The completion of the hanger projects will provide over 50,000 sq. ft. of hanger space for business and regional jets. The additional hanger space will support expanding aircraft MRO activity at SLN.

SLN’s next significant growth area will be aircraft MRO. The availability of remodeled large bay hanger space, a qualified local work force, local grant funds for job training, and the recent passage of a State of Kansas sales tax exemption on MRO parts and labor, are incentives that will support MRO growth.

According to Rogers, “The SLN Aviation Service Center can offer attractive incentives to MRO firms that need a location for expansion. SLN and the SLN Aviation Service Center is an ideal location to consider.”

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, Salina Aircraft Services and the corporate flight departments for ADM Milling Company, Blue Beacon International, Plains Environmental and Bradley Trucking Co .

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