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CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES NEW DAILY
NONSTOP FORT MYERS AND TAMPA SERVICE ON JETBLUE AIRWAYS
STARTING OCTOBER 24TH

WINDSOR LOCKS, CONNECTICUT – October 22, 2013 –With the debut of new daily nonstop flights from Bradley International Airport (BDL) to Fort Myers (RSW) and Tampa (TPA) beginning this Thursday October 24th, these latest additions to the BDL service menu will give passengers utilizing “New England’s Gateway” six daily nonstop warm weather options on JetBlue Airways – Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Orlando, San Juan, Tampa, and West Palm Beach.

“JetBlue Airways’ confidence in the Connecticut Airport Authority and Bradley International Airport, as well as its ability to support these new daily nonstop services to Fort Myers and Tampa, is the latest encouraging news that business and leisure travel in Connecticut are on the upswing. JetBlue should be commended for continuing to invest in the Connecticut economy, the CAA, and Bradley – they are a great economic development partner,” said Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

Mary Ellen Jones, CAA Chair, said, “We are pleased that JetBlue is continuing to increase its southbound daily nonstop destinations to and from Bradley International Airport. The Airline has now tripled its service offerings in less than 3 years; we will continue to work with all of our airline partners to deliver the destinations of choice for our customers.”

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the CAA, said, “In addition to the six daily nonstop flights, the CAA is excited by JetBlue’s overall commitment to the regional economy as the Airline added 38 new jobs here at Bradley within the past year. These service and job commitments will benefit our customers as we continue to enhance the overall route structure here at Bradley International Airport.”

Bradley International Airport is the second largest airport in New England and serves an extensive geographic area, with a customer base that covers the entire Northeast, including Western Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey. According to the most recent economic impact analysis, Bradley International Airport contributes \$4 billion in economic activity to the state of Connecticut and the surrounding region, representing \$1.2 billion in wages and 18,000 full-time jobs.

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state’s five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries as well as government. The

goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports, specifically Bradley International Airport, more attractive to new airlines and bring in new routes, which supports Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy.