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# Wilson Air Center Memphis Welcomes Tunica Air Group LLC as Maintenance Partner

### *Wilson Air Center*

Memphis, Tennessee – February 28, 2008 – Wilson Air Center is pleased to announce that it has recently entered into an agreement with Tunica Air Group LLC to provide a wide range of maintenance services to transient and based customers at the Wilson Air Center facility located at Memphis International Airport, effective February 11, 2008.

“To effectively meet the needs of our transient and based customers, Wilson Air Center must provide maintenance services to corporate and general aircraft that frequent Memphis our facility. Tunica Air Group meets that need and we are very excited to welcome them to our award-winning facility,” says Rob Hartwein, General Manager, Wilson Air Center - Memphis.

Tunica Air Group will be operating from a 16,000-square-foot hangar located within the Wilson Air Center complex and will be providing on-call maintenance support ranging from routine servicing such as oxygen and tire servicing, to any inbound discrepancies the flight crew may have, up to and including engine changes. Scheduled maintenance items can also be accomplished.

Tunica Air Group was formed in September of 2006 by a group of six FedEx Mechanics and has quickly grown to 16 part-time and full-time employees at present with a combined experience of 300 years. A 20,000 square-foot hangar in Tunica, Mississippi is utilized to perform both on-call and scheduled maintenance services. Line maintenance services range from oxygen servicing, daily inspections, tire/brake changes, and strut servicing, to the obvious issuing of deferrals and inbound write-up rectification. Scheduled maintenance services include phase checks, engine changes, interior reconfigurations, Level 3 NDT, APU changes, sheet metal repair, and the clearing of deferrals.

By working with their customers to meet their needs on an individual basis, Tunica Air Group strives to be the best, not the biggest. “The expansion into Memphis was a natural progression for Tunica Air Group as our goal has always been to provide world-class aircraft service to the airports serving our community,” says Michael Silvius, President/CEO, Tunica Air Group, LLC. “We realize that aircraft maintenance affects an operator’s bottom line and least we can do is make that necessity as painless as possible by doing the job on time and on budget. Rest assured, we will bring this philosophy to our new facility in Memphis.”

With locations in Memphis, TN, Charlotte, NC, and Houston, TX, Wilson Air Center FBOs are renowned for their innovative approach to customer service and satisfaction that originated from roots within the hospitality industry. The Memphis location is the home of one of the world’s largest aircraft canopies, and is touted by the aviation industry as among the top fixed base operations in the United States for the quality of its services and the comfort and design of its facilities.

Wilson Air Center – Memphis was recently named as the #1 FBO in the 2007 Aviation International News,



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making them the only FBO ever to be consecutively named #1 for eight years claiming this honor for years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. In the 2007 Professional Pilots PRASE Survey, Wilson Air Center was named #1 FBO chain. In the same survey Wilson Air Center-Charlotte was named #8 FBO after only two years of operation. For more information on Wilson Air Center or the services we offer, please call 901-345-2992 or visit [www.wilsonair.com](http://www.wilsonair.com).