



PhxMesa **Gateway** Airport

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Airport Signs Lease for Aircraft Repair Facility

2nd Largest Land-Lease Signing in Airport History

MESA, Ariz. – February 19, 2008 – The Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport has set development in motion for a 13-acre general aviation aircraft maintenance and avionics repair station near the south end of the Airport that will generate additional jobs and aerospace interest in the Airport.

IWA Holdings, LLC is affiliated with Crownair Aviation, a San Diego-based general aviation aircraft maintenance and avionics repair service provider. The company has been in business since 1953 and is proposing improvements valued at \$12 million and include:

- 43,000 square-foot maintenance hangar
- 20,000 square-foot avionics repair and shop hangar
- 10,000 square-foot business office and customer lounge space
- 89,000 square-foot storage/hangar space
- 215,000 square-foot aircraft parking apron

The company's 13-acre lot, second largest land lease in Airport history, will be located near the northeast corner of Sossaman Rd. and Velocity Way. Construction is expected to be complete within 36 months.

"This is a landmark agreement for the Airport," said Airport Authority Chairman and Gila River Indian Community Lt. Governor Jennifer Allison-Ray. "The size and quality of their proposed facility is impressive and the operation will assist in attracting other aerospace

companies to Gateway. With this agreement and the current construction of the Cessna and Embraer service centers, Gateway is becoming the premier airport in the western United States for aircraft operators to service their planes. This will bring much needed new revenue into the East Valley.”

About Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport

The Airport was established in 1994 and is owned and operated by the Williams Gateway Airport Authority, which consists of the Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert, Mesa, Phoenix, and Queen Creek. As of October 25, 2007, Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport offers non-stop passenger service to 13 cities, nationwide. Formerly Williams Air Force Base, the Airport in east Mesa continues to expand its efforts to provide better service for the surrounding community and greater Phoenix area. For more information, visit www.phxmesagateway.org.

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