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Northern Air Cargo begins scheduled service at Willow Run Airport

Northern Air Cargo, one of the nation's oldest continuously operating air cargo carriers, began operating four weekly flights between Willow Run Airport and Laredo and El Paso, Texas, on Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

David Karp, president and CEO of Alaska-based Northern Air Cargo, and Turkia Awada Mullin, CEO of the Wayne County Airport Authority, which operates Willow Run Airport, made the announcement jointly.

"We are excited about the opportunity to serve a market where we have seen potential for scheduled service for quite some time," Karp said. "Ultimately, this move is in response to our customers who have identified a lack of scheduled service in the market.

The company's 737-300 airline will service the markets four times a week from Monday to Thursday. The tentative schedule includes a 10 p.m. CST departure from Laredo; a 12:30 a.m. CST departure from El Paso, and an early morning arrival at Willow Run Airport. The return flight will depart Willow Run at 5:30 a.m. EST and arrive at Laredo at 7:30 a.m. CST.

"This increased economic activity is great news for Willow Run Airport and for the Detroit Region Aerotropolis," said Mullin. "We welcome Northern Air Cargo to one of the nation's top cargo airport facilities. Their regular service to two key Texas markets is filling a need that is an important priority for our local freight forwarding community."

Mullin said it also underscores the airport's position as an economic engine, noting that every cargo landing results in a surge of economic activity for the region.

"This kind of financial benefit is at the heart of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis and is key to the future of Metropolitan Detroit," she said.

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