

Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport Announces Direct Flights to Chicago O'Hare

March 29, 2016 (VIENNA, Ohio) — Representatives from the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport (YNG) and Aerodynamics Inc. (ADI) of Atlanta, Ga. today announced daily, direct flights to Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD).

Beginning July 2016, YNG will offer direct, daily flights to ORD with connections to more than 130 destinations via American Airlines. YNG will start out with 10 weekly flights — one to two daily — and can potentially work up to three daily round-trip flights depending on service usage (subject to change). Ticket sales are expected to begin in early April, but a final date will be addressed by the airline.

This is the first time YNG will offer daily air service since 2002, says its director of aviation, Dan Dickten. With competitive airfare and the region's most inexpensive daily parking rates, the air service provides a convenient connection option to practically anywhere in the world without having to drive to Pittsburgh, Cleveland or Akron.

"For 14 years, Mahoning Valley travelers have been without daily connecting service," Dickten says. "With Allegiant Air providing leisure flights to Orlando, Myrtle Beach, St. Petersburg-Clearwater and Fort Myers for the past 10 years, YNG has proven that both the airport and the community can support substantial airline service."

By offering a convenient way for passengers to come into the region, daily flights to Chicago O'Hare will set the stage for the airport to once again become an economic generator, he says.

"Flying to Chicago from the Youngstown-Warren-Sharon region saves time, involves less stress and helps to reinvest in the community," Dickten says. "Valley travelers have had to endure the long drive to these other airports due to no daily connecting service at YNG. This daily service is long awaited and is positive news for the community and the region."

ADI will offer daily round-trip flights between YNG and ORD under a new

airline name to be announced at a later date. ADI operates the 50-seat Embraer ERJ-145 Regional Jet Aircraft, which touts a flawless safety record and FAA Part 121 certified operation. Planes will be stationed and maintained at YNG by Winner Aviation.

"ADI is tremendously excited to bring daily, scheduled, commercial service back to the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport. Today's announcement represents the culmination of nearly a year and a half's work between Airport staff and Aerodynamics management," says Darrell Richardson, ADI's President and CEO. "This effort is a true partnership and ADI is committed to providing Youngstown passengers with a convenient, safe and reliable hometown option for their travel needs. We believe this new service has tremendous potential for success and we look forward to re-establishing this vital link to the national transportation system."

Travelers will be able to book their entire trip through most major travel websites, providing access to a seamless reservation system, ticket sales and baggage handling for connecting flights.



L-R: Tom Reich, director of air service development, AFC AvPORTS Management LLC; Darrell Richardson, CEO/president/chairman, Aerodynamics Inc.; Mickey Bowman, VP of Airline Service, Aerodynamics Inc.; Dan Dickten, director of aviation, Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport.

About the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport (YNG)

In Dec. 1991, Trumbull and Mahoning counties authorized the creation of the Western Reserve Port Authority, which assumed operations of the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport on Jan. 1, 1992. It has a full-service FBO facility on site, and is home to the Youngstown Air Reserve Station, 910th Airlift Wing. Visit YNG's website at yngairport.com.

About Aerodynamics, Inc. (ADI)

Operationally based in Atlanta, GA, ADI is a certified FAA 121 Air Carrier (Cert# BUEA634C) offering large aircraft flight operations. In operation for over 55 years, ADI boasts a spotless safety record. ADI offers premium air charter service, tailoring travel solutions for any situation. Effective June 1, 2016, ADI will commence scheduled domestic service as well. ADI's fleet of Embraer 145 regional jets offer cabin class amenities with a mission completion rate of over 99.7% across the worldwide fleet. For more information please visit www.flyadi.com.