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## **SOUTHWEST DISCONTINUING SPOKANE/SEATTLE SERVICE**

(Spokane, WA) – In response to Southwest Airline’s announcement that they are discontinuing Spokane/Seattle service effective January 7, 2012, Spokane International Airport (GEG), Lawrence J. Krauter, CEO/Airport Director, provided the following comment, “We believe the economics of the route, given high fuel prices and low load factors driven in part by the flight schedule in comparison to the schedule offerings provided by Alaska Airlines in the market made it difficult to compete. Southwest continues to play a very prominent role in our market by providing daily nonstop service to Boise, Portland, Denver, Las Vegas, Oakland, and Phoenix.”

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