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GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT WINS GAINESVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL BUSINESS EXPANSION OF THE YEAR AWARD

GAINESVILLE, Fla – Nov. 3, 2006 – The Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority (GACRAA) was awarded the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce small business expansion of the year award on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at the annual awards luncheon.

The Airport won the award for the addition of an Eclipse Aviation factory service center, a 61,000 square-foot facility that began construction in April 2006. The Gainesville facility will be part of a network of seven U.S. factory service centers dedicated to Eclipse 500 maintenance and support. The facility will initially house 15 Eclipse Aviation employees, with the ability to expand to more than 160. The jobs will provide salaries approximately equal to 150 percent of the Alachua County average wage.

“This service center is an \$11.2 million investment in our community. While Eclipse Aviation has already played a role in the attraction of DayJet™, the Airport hopes that a business cluster surrounding the evolution of the very light jet (VLJ) will continue to develop at Gainesville Regional Airport,” said Airport CEO Rick Crider.

The project received approximately 50 percent of its funding from the Florida Department of Transportation’s (FDOT) Aviation Work Program. The balance of the project is financed by Compass Bank and construction of the facility will be complete in March 2007.

DayJet™, a per-seat, on-demand air taxi company, will open its first DayBase™ at Gainesville Regional Airport in early 2007. The DayBase will add another 60 to 100 jobs to the Gainesville market, paying, on average, 225 percent of the Alachua County average wage.

About Gainesville Regional Airport

Gainesville Regional Airport serves North Central Florida and the Heart of Florida through all facets of aviation: general aviation, commercial airlines, military and air cargo. Located in Gainesville, Florida, approximately 70 miles southwest of Jacksonville and just minutes away from the University of Florida,

Gainesville Regional Airport provides a close, convenient and competitively priced “gateway” to the Heart of Florida. For more information, visit www.flygainesville.com or contact Michelle Danisovszky at (352) 373-0249.

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