

Regional Airline Association Names Wings Financial Official Credit Union

APPLE VALLEY, MN – March 22, 2010 — Wings Financial Credit Union, the first credit union in the country to establish a field of membership serving the aviation industry, announced today that it has been named the official credit union of the Regional Airline Association (RAA). Wings Financial will partner with the trade association to offer a full range of financial products and services to the employees of its 32 member airlines and qualifying associate members.

“This is a wonderful privilege for us to work with RAA as their official credit union,” said Paul Parish, Wings Financial president and chief executive officer. “RAA represents regional airlines and aviation service companies that serve every corner of this country. They provide nearly all of the essential air service smaller communities depend on. Their employees deserve the same kind of partner; one they can depend on for their financial interests and needs. Whether they work on the ground or in the air, the employees of RAA members can count on us to be that financial partner in our branch offices, online and wherever their jobs take them.”

“Our members know Wings Financial because of its long-standing relationship with RAA and because of its scope within the aviation community,” said RAA President Roger Cohen. “Many of our members already have employees who are members of Wings Financial and we’re looking forward to introducing even more of our members to their great service, their full range of financial products and services and their great rates. We’re very excited to deepen our relationship with them.”

As part of the agreement, Wings Financial will enhance its promotion of its products and services to RAA member employees immediately.

Wings Financial has long been among the leaders in the credit union industry in serving the aviation industry. Founded in 1938, the credit union has established a broad range of industry partnerships including agreements with regional airlines such as Mesaba Aviation, Pinnacle Airlines, Compass Airlines, Republic Airways and Colgan Airlines. In addition, Wings Financial also has partnerships with major airlines like JetBlue Airways and AirTran Airways.

RAA has 32 member airlines and 280 associate members who represent all aspects of this vital sector of the commercial aviation industry.

Among Wings Financial’s greatest strengths are its low loan rates and savings yields that consistently rank among the best in the nation. A full-service financial institution, Wings offers a full range of consumer financial products and services including first and second mortgages, student loans, new and used car, boat and vehicle loans (check [here](#) for the most current rate information), financial planning and tax preparation.

To meet the needs of its members, Wings Financial offers branch offices in key locations around the country, most of them at or near airports, and the very best automated delivery systems including an ATM network that offers over 57,000 surcharge-free ATMs coast to coast. Wings Financial members enjoy free online banking and a remote deposit feature where members may deposit checks online and receive immediate credit for their deposit, a service offered by only a handful of financial institutions.

About the Regional Airline Association

With safety as its highest priority, RAA represents North American regional airlines, and the manufacturers of products and services supporting the regional airline industry, before the Congress, DOT, FAA and other federal agencies.

With more than 13,000 regional airline flights every day, regional airlines operate more than 50 percent of the nation's commercial schedule. Some 160 million passengers annually – more than one of every five domestic airline passengers – travel on regionals, and the more than 2,700 regional aircraft comprise nearly 40 percent of the US commercial passenger fleet. Most notably, regional airlines serve 631 communities across the country and in 486 of those communities – 77 percent of the US – regional airlines provide the only scheduled service.

Founded in 1975, Washington, DC-based RAA also provides a wide array of technical, government relations and public relations services for regional airlines. The association's 32 member airlines and 280 associate members represent the key decision makers of this vital sector of the commercial aviation industry.

More information about RAA is available at www.raa.org.

About Wings Financial

Wings Financial Credit Union, headquartered in Apple Valley, is the largest credit union in Minnesota and a member-owned, full-service financial institution. With more than \$2.5 billion in assets and 124,000 members worldwide, Wings Financial is among the country's 50 largest credit unions.

In 2003, Wings Financial became the first credit union to be dedicated solely to those working within the air transportation industry in the United States and in 2009 obtained a state charter allowing it to serve residents of the 13-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. Wings Financial provides financial services to the employees of more than 47 airlines, numerous aviation vendors and every U.S. government agency that touches the air transportation industry.

Wings Financial operates 18 branch offices around the country and an ATM network that offers over 57,000 surcharge-free ATMs coast to coast.

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