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## **CONGRATULATIONS BLUE GRASS AIRPORT!**

### **AIRPORT RECEIVES “ABOVE AND BEYOND” AWARD AT ALLEGIANT AIR’S 2009 AIRPORT CONFERENCE**

**(Las Vegas)**—**Blue Grass Airport** is flying high after being recognized by Allegiant Air for going “*Above and Beyond*” at the second annual Allegiant Air Airport Conference held in Las Vegas. Blue Grass Airport was one of only five airports recognized for outstanding achievements at a special awards dinner held Feb. 11.

Brian Ellestad, director of marketing and community relations for Blue Grass Airport was in attendance and received the award from Maurice J. Gallagher, Jr., Allegiant Travel Company president and CEO.

“I would like to congratulate Blue Grass Airport and thank them for the support they have shown us,” said Maurice J. Gallagher, Jr. “The airport management team and city of Lexington have been a pleasure to work with and we look forward to a successful, long lasting relationship.”

Blue Grass Airport was recognized for outstanding support and assistance during the start-up of Allegiant’s new low-cost service in the Lexington community. Allegiant began service from Lexington to Orlando Nov. 6, 2008 and flights to Tampa Bay Nov. 7, 2008.

“We are proud to be recognized for our strong commitment to serving Allegiant Air and its customers. I congratulate the staff for their outstanding effort,” said Eric Frankl, interim executive director at Blue Grass Airport. “We are continually striving to improve our service and winning this award validates our ongoing efforts. We thank Allegiant Air for their partnership and look forward to continue serving them in the future.”

The Allegiant Air Airport Conference is a collection of invited airports currently served by Allegiant Air and airports that would like Allegiant’s low-cost, nonstop service in their respective areas. Airports have the opportunity to meet with Allegiant representatives and attend workshops that cover a variety of airport related topics. More than 200 airports were in attendance for the conference that was held at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino, Feb. 10 through 12.

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**About the Company**

Las Vegas based Allegiant Travel Company (NASDAQ: ALGT), is focused on linking travelers in small cities to world-class leisure destinations such as Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Las Vegas, Phoenix-Mesa, Orlando, Fla. and Tampa/St. Petersburg, Fla. Through its subsidiary, Allegiant Air, the Company operates a low-cost, high-efficiency, all-jet passenger airline offering air travel both on a stand-alone basis and bundled with hotel rooms, rental cars and other travel related services.

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