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### **Shuttle America Launches Embraer 170 Scheduled Operations**

Indianapolis, Indiana, (June 1, 2005) – Republic Airways Holdings Inc. (NASDAQ/NM: RJET) announced today that its Shuttle America subsidiary began scheduled passenger service with one seventy-passenger Embraer 170 aircraft in the United Express system. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> Embraer 170 placed into operation as United Express by Republic subsidiaries. Republic currently plans to operate a total of 23 Embraer 170's on behalf of United Airlines.

“This is an important milestone in the development of our company. The acquisition of Shuttle America was made in anticipation of an increased demand for the Embraer 170 and to provide Republic with the opportunity to operate aircraft larger than 70 seats. The commencement of Embraer 170 operations was made possible by the hard work of our employees,” said Bryan Bedford, Chairman, President and CEO of Republic Airways Holdings. “We are very thankful for their dedication and efforts towards this project.”

In United Express configuration, the Embraer 170 has 70 seats comprised of 6 first class, 16 *Economy Plus* and 48 economy seats. The 170's unique cross-section provides superior passenger comfort in the form of a larger cabin with maximized cabin width at shoulder level, a wider aisle, larger seats, higher baggage capacity, improved personal space, and increased leg room. Four-abreast seating eliminates undesirable middle seats and facilitates access to both seats and overhead bins. The EMBRAER 170 is powered by twin, underwing mounted General Electric CF34-8E engines.

Republic Airways Holdings, based in Indianapolis, Indiana is an airline holding company that operates Chautauqua Airlines, Shuttle America and Republic Airlines. Its operating subsidiaries offer scheduled passenger service on more than 700 flights daily to 76 cities in 32 states, Canada and the Bahamas through code sharing agreements with four major U.S. airlines. All flights are operated under its major airline partner brand, such as AmericanConnection, Delta

Connection, United Express and US Airways Express. The company employs more than 2,500 aviation professionals and operates 119 regional jets including 19 Embraer 170 aircraft.

Additional Information

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