



Airport job growth jumps 20 percent in 2005

42 percent increase in jobs since 2003

MESA, Ariz. – December 28, 2005 – Williams Gateway Airport is poised to surpass the 1,500 jobs threshold in 2006, according to its annual internal survey.

The number of on-airport jobs at Williams Gateway Airport grew to 1,431 in 2005, a more than 20 percent increase from 2004.

Overall, the airport has experienced a 42 percent increase in jobs since 2003.

The Williams Gateway area, home to the Arizona State University Polytechnic, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, and several other on-site educational institutions, also had 7,529 students on-site in 2005.

Williams Gateway Airport, which has emerged as a primary aerospace technology and instructional hub for Arizona, contributes more than \$250 million annually in East Valley economic activity.

“As we look to the future as a reliever airport for Phoenix Sky Harbor, we are very pleased that Williams Gateway Airport continues to expand on its central mission for job creation and economic development,” said Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Williams Gateway Airport Authority Chairwoman.

Williams Gateway Airport is owned and operated by the Williams Gateway Airport Authority, which includes the Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert, Mesa and Queen Creek. For more information, visit www.flywga.org.

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