



David Valenzuela Named Marketing & Economic Development Manager

MESA, Ariz. – August 11, 2006 – The Williams Gateway Airport Authority has named David Valenzuela as its Marketing and Economic Development Manager, a new position.

Valenzuela has been involved in regional economic development efforts for more than 12 years. Prior to Williams Gateway, he was vice president of business development with a focus on aerospace and aviation for the Greater Phoenix Economic Council.

The Tucson native started his career in 1994 as a Business Development Specialist in the Town of Gilbert's Economic Development Department where he was responsible for industrial business attraction.

"With its remarkable growth and more than 1,500 jobs on site, Williams Gateway has become one of the state's key aerospace hubs. I'm excited to work with the Airport Authority members as well as airport tenants and neighbors on critical economic growth issues," said Valenzuela.

"Williams Gateway Airport contributes approximately \$300 million to the local economy and we've only scratched the surface. We're pleased to have David on board to help us identify and manage key economic development opportunities," said Lynn Kusy, WGAA's executive director.

David Valenzuela holds a degree in Urban Planning from Arizona State University and is an active member of the Arizona Association for Economic Development and the International Economic Development Council.

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

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