

**Air Service to Small and Medium-Sized
American Airports: Preparing for the Inevitable**

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Large-scale changes in airline economic fortunes continue to have a down-stream impact on local air service options. This is especially true among communities which rely upon regional airlines for their most critical air service links. For many small and medium-sized American communities, the attending fall-out can often times be traumatic, and in the very worst cases, lethal.

Between 2006 and 2010, ten U.S. airports lost important scheduled air service links when their last small-jet flights were determined to be uneconomical by major carriers and 50-seat RJ flights were discontinued at Atlantic City (NJ), Waterloo (IA), Naples (FL), Beaumont/Port Arthur (TX), Hancock (MI), Eau Claire (WI), Hickory (NC), Macon (GA), Sioux City (IA) and Tupelo (MS).

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