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**CAREERS IN AVIATION “TAKE OFF” AT VICTORVILLE’S SCHOOL OF AVIATION
TECHNOLOGY AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOGISTICS AIRPORT**

*FAA-certified school is located on-site at an operating airport,
making it the only one of its kind in the western United States*

Victorville, Calif. – July 15, 2009 – The inaugural class of 16 students graduated on Tuesday, July 14 from Phase One of the program at the School of Aviation Technology at Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA) in Victorville, Calif. The 82-week vocational program located on-site at a working airport is certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and is the only school of its kind in the western United States. Approximately 200 A&P mechanics are needed by local companies at SCLA annually and have an earning potential ranging from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

“We’re creating opportunity for our residents to enter or advance in a career that’s in high demand for local companies,” said Keith Metzler, City of Victorville, director of economic development. “This is an investment in the continued and future success of our community.”

The school is funded by the State of California, the County of San Bernardino, the City of Victorville and private investors, who have secured over \$2 million for equipment, classrooms, labs, an aircraft hangar and small aircraft. The County secured more than \$750,000 in funds through its Workforce Investment Board and Employment Training Panel. Student tuition is only \$5,500 for nearly two years of education.

“There remains a high demand for jobs at SCLA and throughout the Victor Valley,” said Metzler. “Unlike the many students across the country graduating from universities and entering a tough job market, our graduates even in this economic climate, will have many employment opportunities.”

About Victorville

The City of Victorville is located approximately 90 miles northeast of Los Angeles and 35 miles north of San Bernardino with convenient access to major interstates, railways, trucking routes and international airports, making it one of Southern California’s most significant logistics hubs. The City has a growing residential population of over 100,000.

Victorville is a pro-business community offering many incentives, which has helped to attract corporate relocations from notable companies including, Newell Rubbermaid, GE Transportation, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, M&M/Mars and Dr Pepper Snapple Group. For more information, visit www.victorvillecity.com.

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