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**AIRPORT RECEIVES SMALL COMMUNITY AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM (SCASDP) GRANT**

CASPER, WY – Casper / Natrona County International Airport announced the award by the U.S. Department of Transportation of a Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP) grant. Congress established the SCASDP grant program in 2001 to assist smaller communities in enhancing their air service and address high air fare issues. The Airport's grant amount will total \$100,000; however, the Airport's application reflected a program total of \$170,000, including \$70,000 in cash and in-kind contributions from the Airport and other entities. The focus of the Airport's grant application is on the development of a comprehensive marketing and advertising program to: (1) expand service in the Casper-Las Vegas market, (2) support new regional jet service in the Casper-Salt Lake City market, (3) support additional regional jet service in the Casper-Denver market, and (4) add service in the Casper-Phoenix market.

The DOT received 61 grant applications from communities in 33 states/territories. Statutory requirements including insufficient air service, unreasonably high air fares, and/or geographic diversity as well as meeting priority considerations such as local cash contributions, established public/private partnerships, material benefits to the general public, timely use of grant funds, and whether multiple communities cooperate to submit a regional or multistate application to consolidate air service into one regional airport are also considerations in selecting a grantee. The Department intends to award 33 grants benefiting 34 communities in 25 states/territories.