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### Towne Air Freight to Acquire Texas Land and Air

*South Bend, IN*—June 19, 2009 Towne Air Freight (Towne) announced today that the company has entered into an agreement to acquire Texas Land and Air (TXLA) further expanding Towne's air and ocean freight trucking operation.

TXLA, with sales of nearly \$15 million in 2008, is a strategic addition to Towne's portfolio adding nearly 100 employees and contractors along with nine new cities to the coast-to-coast trucking network. This escalates the total number of locations served to 61. New cities served include: Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW), Houston (IAH), Austin (AUS), San Antonio (SAT), McAllen (MFE), Brownsville (BRO), Laredo (LRD), Harlingen (HRL) and Corpus Christi (CRP) as well as local coverage to the entire state of Texas.

"We're excited to extend Towne services to the Texas market and welcome the TXLA associates and customers to the Towne Team" said Tom Downey, Towne's President and CEO. "Our overlapping values of Customer Care leave a clear path to incorporating Towne's nationwide Airport-to-Airport, local cartage, exclusive use trucking and warehouse services into the Texas market."

"When the owners formed TXLA in 2005, we did so with the expectation of eventually growing with a larger company such as Towne Air Freight," said Todd Bennett, CEO of Texas Land and Air. "In just three years, TXLA became the recognized leader in expedited air freight and intermodal trucking in Texas. This deal is a successful culmination of our business plan. All of the great people at TXLA are looking forward to continuing our record of success with Towne."

The acquisition is expected to be completed in mid-July and TXLA will begin to operate under the Towne Air Freight name as early as August 1<sup>st</sup>.

*About Texas Land and Air:*

Texas Land and Air is the leading provider of expedited air freight trucking for all Texas gateways, serving every major market in Texas. TXLA offers air freight trucking for airlines and air freight forwarders including statewide airport to airport service, time definite truckloads and local cartage. Through their intermodal division, TXLA is a UIIA approved carrier providing expertise and knowledge of port and rail facilities in Texas, local and regional drayage in Houston and Dallas and CFS stations. In addition to being a US Customs Bonded carrier, TXLA meets all security requirements and is strong participant in the C-TPAT program.

*About Towne Air Freight:*

Towne Air Freight is a privately held company headquartered in South Bend, IN, providing a wide range of air and ocean freight services to 53 airport locations across the United States. Along with Towne Air Freight, the company operates Towne Network Solutions and Rocket Expedited Services. Towne Network Solutions manages air freight trucking in North America for airlines and air freight forwarders and Rocket Expedited services offers expedited trucking, dedicated vehicles, reefers and other specialized trucking. For more information, please visit [www.towneair.com](http://www.towneair.com).

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