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### **MIDWEST EXPRESS SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH ELITE AIRWAYS TO PROVIDE INITIAL SERVICE FROM MILWAUKEE**

*Midwest Express preparing to launch initial flights by end of year*

Milwaukee, WI – August 6, 2019 – Midwest Express today announced it has signed an agreement with Portland, Maine-based Elite Airways LLC to begin non-stop flight service from Midwest Express' home base at Milwaukee's Mitchell International Airport.

"This agreement with Elite Airways is a key step to bringing much-needed nonstop service back to Milwaukee," said Greg Aretakis, president of Midwest Express. "We identified Elite Airways as a well-suited partner due to its extensive operating experience, high-quality customer service approach, and exemplary safety record. By partnering with Elite, we expedite bringing our service to the market while we pursue federal licenses required to operate independently."

Elite Airways will operate the initial aircraft and provide flight crews and maintenance service for Midwest Express. Midwest Express will establish its own reservations system, customer service operations and in-flight amenities to support the new flights. All public-facing customer interaction, including the branding on the planes, will be Midwest Express. In addition to providing flight operations, Elite will work in tandem with Midwest to complete regulatory and operational requirements for Midwest to obtain its own airline operating certificate and aircraft.

John Pearsall, president of Elite Airways, said "We're proud to play a role in helping bring Midwest Express Airlines back to Wisconsin. Our aircraft and top-notch crew will provide the experience and service that Midwest Express passengers can and should expect, and we're excited to work together with Midwest Express as it progresses with its launch and ongoing business plans."

According to Aretakis, the focus of the initial routes and flight times will be based on business community needs and Midwest Express expects to announce details about its service in the coming weeks. "We continue to be encouraged by the support we are getting as we talk to leaders in the business community," he added.

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#### **About Midwest Express Airlines**

Midwest Express Airlines, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin is led by Greg Aretakis who serves as President. He is a veteran airline leader who most recently served in senior positions at Midwest

Airlines and Frontier Airlines. In May 2018, a private stock offering was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, allowing the organization to secure investors and begin implementing its plans to bring the airline back to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In April of 2019, Midwest Express Airlines signed a lease for its corporate headquarters near Mitchell International Airport. For more information about Midwest Express, visit [www.flymidwestexpress.com](http://www.flymidwestexpress.com).

### **About Elite Airways**

Headquartered in Portland Maine, [Elite Airways LLC](#) was founded in 2006 by airline veterans with the goal to provide passengers a better travel experience with nonstop flights, competitive prices and exceptional service. Elite Airways is a U.S. Part 121 Air Carrier and provides chartered and scheduled service throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, and South America. Elite Airways' maintenance operations are located in Melbourne, Florida.