

November 22, 2006

Dennis J. DeVany, Chief  
Essential Air Service Division S-53  
Room 6401  
Office of Aviation Analysis  
Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street SW  
Washington DC 20590

RE: Emergency Request for Essential Air Service Proposal  
Original Docket Number 20736, Clarksburg/Fairmont, West Virginia

Dear Mr. DeVany,

The Benedum Airport Authority unanimously voted on November 22, 2006 to petition the Department of Transportation (DOT) for an Emergency Request for Proposal (RFP) be issued to obtain a replacement Air Carrier for Clarksburg/Fairmont, West Virginia (CKB).

The present carrier, Regions Air, was selected to fulfill this need on September 9, 2005. Scheduled service did not begin until May 2006 with a limited schedule (2 flights) daily. Finally, Regions attained the level of service identified by the DOT order the following month of 3 weekday round trips.

From the inception of this service operational problems (reliability) have existed which eroded the traveling public's confidence. Frequent cancellations and delays caused major interruptions in passenger schedules to the point that few, if any, local citizens still consider the scheduled service at Clarksburg a viable consideration for the travel plans. (Please note the attached accounting of cancelled and delayed flights).

Continental Airlines, Regions' Code Sharing partner has pulled their agreement which further isolates our community and the airline serving it. Continental was very reluctant to permit advertising of this service due to the negative impact Regions' reliability problems would have on their name as a Code Sharing Partner.

With these reasons identified the Benedum Airport Authority requests an RFP be issued for a new Carrier and the separating of that service from other Community's Air Service (MGW).

Some discussions have taken place with at least one Carrier who is poised and ready to respond to your RFP to operate to/from CKB to IAD as a stand alone routing.

Within a few short years enplanements have dropped at this airport after multi-millions of dollars have been invested by Federal, State and Local governments to assure the traveling public's access to North Central West Virginia. The selection of a new replacement carrier to accomplish this end will have continuing long term affect on this area. Your attention to this problem is greatly appreciated.

If this office can furnish additional support for this request please contact this office immediately.

Very truly yours,

James R. Griffith  
Airport Manager

## CANCELLATIONS/DELAYS

May operations - 15 Landings, Cancellations: 1-Weather & 5-Mechanical

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FLIGHT</b>	<b>CANCELLED LATE</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>DURATION LATE OVER 15 MINUTES</b>
6/17/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
6/18/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
6/19/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
6/20/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
6/21/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
6/22/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
6/24/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
6/26/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
6/30/2006	9875	Cancelled	Crew	
7/1/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
7/10/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
7/14/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
7/24/2006	9870	Cancelled	Maintenance	
7/24/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
7/27/2006	9873	Cancelled	Maintenance	
7/28/2006	9870	Cancelled	Maintenance	
8/1/2006	9870	Cancelled	Maintenance	
8/1/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
8/1/2006	9873	Late	Maintenance	0:35
8/1/2006	9875	Late	Maintenance	
8/2/2006	9873	Late	Crew Rest	1:11
8/4/2006	9870	Late	Crew Rest	0:57
8/4/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	0:39
8/6/2006	9873	Late	Maintenance	0:18
8/8/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
8/9/2006	9870	Cancelled	Maintenance	
8/9/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
8/14/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	3:15
8/15/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	0:20
8/17/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	0:37
8/21/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
8/22/2006	9870	Cancelled	Maintenance	
8/25/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	1:29
8/25/2006	9873	Late	Maintenance	1:25
8/28/2006	9875	Late	Maintenance	1:04
8/29/2006	9875	Late	Maintenance	3:30
8/30/2006	9870	Late	Crew Rest	0:20

8/30/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
9/1/2006	9870	Late	Maintenance	0:32
9/1/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	0:46
9/4/2006	9870	Late	Maintenance	1:42
9/4/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	2:03
9/4/2006	9873	Late	Maintenance	3:10
9/5/2006	9870	Late	Maintenance	1:04
9/5/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	0:45
9/6/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	1:39
9/6/2006	9873	Late	Maintenance	0:48
9/7/2006	9870	Late	Fog	1:18
9/7/2006	9875	Late	Maintenance	0:46
9/8/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
9/8/2006	9873	Late	Maintenance	1:07
9/9/2006	9873	Late	Maintenance	2:33
9/12/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	0:16
9/12/2006	9873	Late	Maintenance	0:28
9/12/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
9/13/2006	9870	Cancelled	Maintenance	
9/13/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
9/15/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	0:37
9/17/2006	9873	Late	Maintenance	1:03
9/20/2006	9871	Late	Maintenance	2:40
9/24/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
9/24/2006	9873	Late	Maintenance	0:50
9/24/2006	9875	Late	Maintenance	0:40
9/25/2006	9870	Late	Crew Rest	0:40
10/1/2006	9873	Cancelled	Maintenance	
10/4/2006	9875	Cancelled	Weather	
10/7/2006	9873	Late	Maintenance	0:43
10/11/2006	9875	Cancelled	Weather	
10/12/2006	9870	Cancelled	Weather	0:33
10/12/2006	9873	Cancelled	Maintenance	
10/13/2006	9870	Late	Crew Rest	0:43
10/13/2006	9871	Late	Crew Rest	0:36
10/15/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
10/19/2006	9873	Cancelled	Maintenance	
10/20/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
10/20/2006	9873	Cancelled	Maintenance	
10/20/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
10/21/2006	9871	Late		2:11
10/21/2006	9873	Late		
10/22/2006	9871	Late		2:27
10/25/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
10/26/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
10/29/2006	9871	Late		0:37
10/30/2006	9875	Late		0:23

10/31/2006	9875	Cancelled	Maintenance	
11/1/2006	9870	Cancelled	Maintenance	
11/1/2006	9871	Cancelled	Maintenance	
11/4/2006	9873	Cancelled	Maintenance	
11/6/2006	9870	Late		0:41
11/7/2006	9875	Late		0:15
11/19/2006	9871	Late		0:35