

## American Eagle Airlines Establishing Headquarters in Irving

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*City becomes one of first government entities named to the newly-created level*

IRVING, TEXAS, *April 9, 2014* — American Eagle Airlines announced today that it will establish its own headquarters in Irving this summer. The move is the first time in the company's 16-year history that all of its management, operations and training teams in North Texas will be located in the same building. American Eagle Airlines employees currently work in several locations near Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW).

American Eagle Airlines is one of the largest regional carriers in the world with more than 14,000 employees in the U.S., Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean. American Eagle Airlines is a wholly owned subsidiary of American Airlines Group (NASDAQ: AAL). The company will be renamed Envoy on April 15, 2014, but will continue providing regional air service under the American Eagle brand and livery on behalf of American Airlines.

"Irving was the ideal location for us to establish our headquarters because of its central location in North Texas, as well as the easy access it provides to DFW Airport and other transportation options for our employees working at and visiting our headquarters," said Pedro Fábregas, President and CEO of American Eagle Airlines. "Our new headquarters is a modern and centrally located space that will allow us to continue improving the collaboration and communication between our teams, which will ultimately better serve our more than 14,000 employees working throughout our system."

American Eagle Airlines will occupy two buildings in Irving on Regent Boulevard with a total of 142,000 square feet. The building's current tenant, Epsilon, will vacate the building in June and relocate its operations to an entire office building at 6021 Connection Drive in Irving.

The City of Irving and Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce have been working with American Eagle Airlines' site location consultant Linda Burns of Burns Development Group since January.

"Aviation and aerospace are target industries for the State of Texas and City of Irving, and the relocation of American Eagle Airlines in Irving is a significant success for our transit-oriented community," said Chris Wallace, Irving Chamber President/CEO. "The Irving Economic Development Partnership team was very successful in not only the relocation of American Eagle Airlines to the city, but its retention of Epsilon."

The relocation will bring more than 600 full-time employees to Irving and \$2.4 million in taxable property during the four-year lease agreement. American Eagle Airlines expects to begin moving to Irving in July 2014.

"Irving is a natural fit for American Eagle Airlines, part of the largest airline in the world. The airport is down the street. Our award winning Convention Center – coupled with our wide range of nearly 80 hotel properties – is by design suited to accommodate the varying meeting and event needs for corporations the size of American Eagle," said Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne. "We welcome the company's 600 employees and invite them to participate in Irving's numerous amenities—from the arts to our family-friendly events and sports opportunities."

### **About American Eagle Airlines/Envoy**

American Eagle Airlines is a wholly owned subsidiary of American Airlines Group (NASDAQ: AAL) and operates more than 1,300 daily flights and 150 destinations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. On April 15, 2014 the company will be renamed Envoy and will continue flying regional air service under the American Eagle brand and livery on

behalf of American Airlines. The American Airlines Group also is the holding company for American Airlines and US Airways. The combined networks of American and US Airways include nearly 6,700 flights per day to 339 destinations in 54 countries from its hubs in Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix and Washington, D.C. The American Airlines AAdvantage program allows members to earn and redeem miles for travel and everyday purchases as well as flight upgrades, vacation packages, car rentals, hotel stays and other retail products. American is a founding member of the oneworld® alliance, whose members and members-elect serve nearly 1,000 destinations with 14,250 daily flights to 150 countries. Connect with American on Twitter @AmericanAir and at Facebook.com/AmericanAirlines.

### **About the City of Irving**

Irving is the second city in the nation and the first in the State of Texas to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (2012) as well as the first municipality in Texas' history to receive the Texas Award for Performance Excellence (2011). Irving is the 13th largest city in the state with 217,000 residents and is home to the largest office park in North Texas, where a number of Fortune 1000 companies are headquartered.

### **About the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce**

The Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber is recipient of the inaugural *Texas Outstanding Chamber of the Year Award* and is the first 5-Star Accredited Chamber in Texas. The Irving Chamber exists to CREATE economic activity for Irving, ADVANCE more than 1,817 business investors who represent more than 150,000 employees and PROMOTE all of our members, including five Fortune 500 Global headquarters and 19 U.S. Small Business of the Year Award Winners. For more information, visit [www.irvingchamber.com](http://www.irvingchamber.com).

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