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### **Columbia Regional Airport listed in Mesaba's Top 5**

(COLUMBIA, MO) – Despite the sluggish economy, Columbia Regional Airport is reporting high passenger numbers that has landed Columbia on Mesaba's Top 5 list. Mesaba's (dba Northwest Airlink) began providing commercial air service to Columbia Aug. 19, offering three flights daily through its Memphis hub. Columbia Regional Airport is listed in the Top 5 of 56 comparable markets.

Other cities listed in the Top 5 include: Toledo, Ohio; Mosinee, Wis.; Marquette Mich.; and Aberdeen, S.D. Of those cities, Columbia has the highest loads, with over 70 percent load factors for the months of October, November and December.

For the last three months, enplanements (the number of people boarding at Columbia Regional Airport) are: October, 2,095 passengers; November, 1,990 passengers; and December, 2,016 passengers. Previous commercial service at Columbia Regional Airport reported an average monthly enplanement for the last six months of service as 497.

Northwest Airlines reports a completion factor for the year at 98.4 percent and the station's on-time performance at 83.6 percent for service at Columbia Regional Airport.

For more information about flying from Columbia Regional Airport, log onto the airport's Web site at [www.FlyMidMo.com](http://www.FlyMidMo.com) or call (573) 874-7508.