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**SKYBUS AIRLINES TO LAUNCH INTO HISTORY
WITH INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO WESTOVER**

- *Next generation of low-fare airlines will serve Hartford/Springfield area with fares that costs less than a tank of gas -*

WHAT: Skybus Airlines' first flight from Columbus, OH to Westover Metropolitan Airport in Chicopee, MA is scheduled to land at 6:53 p.m. (EDT) Monday (7/16). An airport water cannon salute will commemorate the start of Skybus service during the plane's arrival. The return flight to Columbus is scheduled to depart Westover at 7:18 p.m. (EDT).

A ceremony marking the inauguration of service at Westover will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Skybus ticket counter inside the terminal building. Speakers will include **Skybus Vice President of Airport/Ground Operations, Denis Carvill, City of Chicopee Mayor Michael Bissonette, Division Manager of the New England Region of the Federal Aviation Administration LaVerne Reid and President of Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation Allan Blair.**

Speakers can be made available to local media at the airport prior to the flight's arrival. However, we are also happy to arrange phone interviews prior to or after the inaugural flight.

Photo opportunities include the first arriving flight's christening as it crosses under the water cannon salute, the first flight's departure and passenger arrival and departures.

WHEN: Monday, July 16, 2007
Ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m. (EDT).
Flight 51 scheduled to land at Westover at 6:53 p.m. (EDT) and be welcomed by traditional water cannon salute.
Return flight 52 scheduled to depart for Columbus at 7:18 p.m. (EDT)

WHERE: Skybus Airlines Ticket Counter
Westover Metropolitan Airport
255 Padgette St., Chicopee, MA 01022

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