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## **ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CLOSES OUT 2007 WITH A 92% INCREASE IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC OVER 2006**

St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) is pleased to report that it served 747,369 passengers in 2007, which is a 92% increase over 2006. With the exciting growth of Allegiant Air, the stability in service from USA3000, and the addition of Sun Country, Transat Holidays and Sunwing Airlines, the airport tripled its number of non-stop, low-fare destinations. PIE currently serves 29 destinations in the United States and Canada.

Airport Director Noah Lagos is thrilled that our destination can now showcase its natural beauty to new tourists that are arriving from cities not previously served by local airports. "Allegiant Air has opened a new gateway to visitors from the Midwest, Northeast and Southeast who are discovering the beauty and culture that make Pinellas County a world class tourist destination." Lagos adds, "USA3000 celebrated their 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary at PIE in 2007 and they continue to enjoy tremendous customer loyalty with a 20% increase in passengers. USA3000 offers a great service to major markets at low fares. We are very pleased the community is re-discovering the ease and convenience of flying to and from St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport."

With Allegiant Air, USA3000, Sun Country, Transat Holidays, Sunwing Airlines, and Myrtle Beach Direct Air, St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport looks forward to even more growth and success in 2008.

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