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**Walker Welcomes Southwest Airlines to Mitchell International Airport**

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker announced today that Southwest Airlines will begin service to General Mitchell International Airport later this year.

Walker said, "More jobs and more flights: this is great news for people in Milwaukee County and throughout the region," said Walker. "It is yet another sign that Mitchell International is one of the best-run airports in the country."

Southwest plans to release more details of its future service from Milwaukee, including naming cities to be served and the date service will begin, in the coming months.

Mitchell International Airport served a record number of passengers in 2008 and was one of just a few airports showing a gain. For the year, the passenger total of 7,956,968 represented a 3.17 percent gain over 2007's record 7,712,535 passengers.

*General Mitchell International Airport is owned by Milwaukee County and operated by the Department of Transportation & Public Works, Airport Division, under the policy direction of the Milwaukee County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors. The airport is entirely funded by user fees; no property tax dollars are used for the airport's capital improvements or for its day-to-day operation. For more information on Mitchell International, visit [www.mitchellairport.com](http://www.mitchellairport.com).*

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