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ISLAND AIR EXPLORER PROGRAM READY FOR TAKE-OFF

HONOLULU – To continue Aloha Airlines’ legacy of mentoring young adults, Island Air will launch its first Explorer Program with Orientation Night on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 5:00 p.m. at Bishop Museum’s Atherton Halau. Students between the ages of 16 and 20 who have an interest in aviation are encouraged to attend this orientation session with their parents. Applications to the program will only be accepted at the orientation and only 15 students will be invited to experience the 10-week program.

Over the last few months Island Air’s Explorer Committee has been hard at work developing the curriculum of 10 sessions covering aviation careers such as Flight Attendant, Pilot, Aircraft Mechanic and Dispatcher. Island Air will earn its aviation explorer post from Learning For Life, an affiliate of Boy Scouts of America, when the program commences in February.

Les Murashige, Island Air’s COO said, “The feedback we’ve received since our initial announcement in May has been overwhelming. The local community has cheered our dedication, we’ve received a letter of commendation from Senate Education Committee Chair Norman Sakamoto, and most importantly, former Aloha Airlines Explorer Advisors have expressed their approval. We are honored to carry-on this important educational program.”

More information about the Island Air’s Explorer Program including a downloadable application can be found on Island Air’s web site (www.islandair.com) in the “About Us” pages.

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