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ISLAND AIR RESCUES ALOHA EXPLORERS PROGRAM

Honolulu (May 13, 2008)--Island Air has stepped in to help young students by reviving Aloha's Explorer program, filling another void left by the departure of Aloha Airlines.

On Friday, May 9, 2008, Island Air signed a memorandum of understanding with the organization, Learning for Life, an affiliate of Boy Scouts of America. This is a first step to becoming an official Aviation Explorer Post. The program teaches students between the ages of 16 and 20 about the airline industry and provides an opportunity to learn "hands-on" about various aviation career fields including flight attendants, airline pilots, and customer service agents.

Island Air plans to re-launch the program in spring 2009, which will be re-named Island Explorers. Committee chairman, Robert "Bob" Nakamura, Island Air's Manager of In-flight said, "Course details are still to be determined; however, the Island Explorer program will maintain much of the curriculum developed by Aloha Airlines. The employees at Island Air are very excited to be involved and the number of volunteer participants has been overwhelming."

The original Aloha Explorer program began in 1989 and graduated about 550 students. The last Aloha Explorer class graduated on April 16, 2008. Aloha Airlines built a tradition of providing students an opportunity to explore their interest in aviation and Island Air plans to continue the legacy left by Aloha Airlines.

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