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## **Indy airport lands two more nonstop flights to Texas, Florida** *Central Texas is one of Indy's top five unserved destinations*

INDIANAPOLIS (Jan. 10, 2017) – Allegiant Airlines announced today it will offer two new nonstop flights out of Indianapolis to Austin, Texas and Destin/Fort Walton, Florida beginning in May – bringing the total of nonstop flights offered via the Indianapolis International Airport to 46.

This news comes on the heels of last week's announcement that Southwest Airlines will be adding a much-needed nonstop flight to San Diego – which opens up new seasonal access from Indianapolis to southern California, and expands the Indy airport's reach across the West Coast.

"These flights are highly valuable to the Indianapolis market, particularly with direct reach into Austin," said Mario Rodriguez, executive director of the Indianapolis Airport Authority. "Austin is one of our top five unserved destinations, and the Allegiant flight will give Indianapolis not only new access to the Central Texas region, but will expand our reach into the Western United States."

Central Texas is a draw for both business and leisure travelers looking for a conference and event destination that features world-class music and food, and caters to the technology industry.

Rodriguez also said the flight to Destin/Ft. Walton is a welcome answer for leisure travelers seeking direct flights to more Florida destinations. "Florida is a top get-away destination, and the more cities we can access, the better we can serve the traveling public," said Rodriguez. "Allegiant's news today helps to expand that reach from Indy."

Flights to both destinations will operate twice weekly. Flights to Austin will begin May 19 and flights to Destin/Ft. Walton will operate seasonally between May 26 and Aug. 15.

"The IAA staff works in a continual mode to determine what travelers want, and to seek out and encourage airline partnerships that can deliver on that feedback," said IAA Board President Kelly Flynn. "Three nonstop flights coming to Indy in the next six months is big news for this market, and big opportunity to leverage that access into the Western U.S."

[Click here](#) for details about Allegiant Airlines' new nonstop flights to Austin, Texas and Destin/Ft. Walton, Florida and promotional fares.

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### **About the Indianapolis Airport Authority**

The Indianapolis Airport Authority owns and operates Indiana's largest airport system. In addition to the Indianapolis International Airport, its facilities include the Downtown Heliport, Eagle Creek Airpark, Hendricks County Airport, Indianapolis Regional Airport and Metropolitan Airport. IND has received numerous prestigious awards recognizing it as a leader within its class, including best airport in North America in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 in Airports

Council International's annual Airport Service Quality awards. It has also been inducted into the ACI Director General's Roll of Excellence, one of the few U.S. airports to be included in this elite group of worldwide airports. Condé Nast Traveler readers named IND the best airport in America in 2014, 2015 and 2016. IND is the first airport in the U.S. to win LEED® certification for an entire terminal campus. LEED is a green- building award for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. IND has won additional recognition for excellent customer service, concessions programs, and art and architecture.

IND generates an annual economic impact in Central Indiana of more than \$4.5 billion without relying on state or local taxes to fund its operations. About 10,000 people work at the airport each day. IND serves more than 8 million business and leisure travelers each year and averages 143 daily flights, seasonally and year-round, to 46 nonstop destinations. Home of the world's second-largest FedEx Express operation and the nation's eighth- largest cargo facility, IND is committed to becoming the airport system of choice for both passenger and cargo service. For more information, visit IND's Facebook page at [Indianapolis International Airport](#) and Twitter page at [@INDairport](#).