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TransMeridian Airlines to Start Flights between Orlando Sanford and Northwest Chicagoland in Rockford, Illinois

Sanford, FL, July 7, 2003 – Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) announced today that on August 28, 2003, TransMeridian Airlines will begin operating non-stop service to Northwest Chicagoland Regional Airport (RFD) in Rockford, Illinois, centrally located between Chicago, Illinois and Madison & Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Flights will operate everyday, except on Tuesday, using a 172-seat Boeing 727-200. Reservations can be made online at www.IFlyTMA.com, toll-free by calling 1-866-IFlyTMA, or by contacting your local travel professional.

Flights to Rockford depart from Orlando Sanford at 10:55 AM and arrive at 12:35 PM. Return service departs Rockford at 1:35 PM and arrives at Orlando Sanford at 5:05 PM. Commenting on the new service, Ed Greenfield, Vice President Sales & Marketing for TransMeridian Airlines remarked, "This new service from Chicagoland is another step in our strategy to develop non-stop services to Orlando Sanford from markets with no Orlando service, or use secondary airports that are convenient to major markets. I am very pleased with the booking levels associated with our other Orlando flights, and I am sure Rockford will perform just as strong. We are committed to offering low fares to stimulate demand and excellent service to make sure former passengers think of us first when they plan another trip to Orlando."

Airports Council International (ACI) ranked SFB as the fastest growing North American airport in 2000 and 2001, among airports with one million or more annual passengers. Orlando Sanford International Airport is located near the Orlando attractions and is also convenient to Daytona Beach. Adjacent to the airport are the business communities of Lake Mary and Heathrow, part of Florida's "High Tech Corridor." Airlines and their passengers enjoy convenient parking, new terminal facilities, short walking distances, and low operating costs.

For more information about SFB, visit the airport's website at www.OrlandoSanfordAirport.com.