



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: One Delta County
Announces Western Skyways Move to Delta**

Delta, CO—May 23, 2024—One Delta County is excited to announce the purchase by Western Skyways of a commercial facility located at 18436 F Road, Delta, CO. The 6.25-acre heavy-duty industrial facility, with a building that spans 20,245 square feet and an additional 8,500 square foot concrete pad which will allow for future expansion, marks a significant milestone for the company.

The decision to relocate from Montrose to Delta was driven by a strategic plan to reduce overhead expenses and leverage the labor pool in surrounding areas such as the Surface Creek valley, the North Fork valley and Mesa County. Delta's convenient location between Montrose and Grand Junction makes it an ideal choice for this expansion.

"Our rent in Montrose was the second largest expense for the company," said Eric Barker, President of Western Skyways. "We have been considering Delta for several years due to its favorable environment for growth and expansion and its strategic geographic location for employee recruitment. Owning our own building in Delta will decrease our overhead costs and enable us to attract skilled labor from a wider region."

Western Skyways has a long-standing tradition of employee loyalty and satisfaction. The company's workforce of 55 employees boasts an average tenure of 17 years, with some members having dedicated as long as 30 years to the company. The company was purchased in January, 2019 by four employees who form the management team, Eric Barker, Don McArthur, Ryan Dickerson and Tony Bogart, all of whom have been with the company for over 20 years.

"Our employees are the backbone of our success," Barker emphasized. "We believe in investing in their best interests because when we support them, they, in turn, support us. We provide good pay and high-quality career paths within the company."

Western Skyways reports sales increases of 30% to 40% post-COVID, with volumes continuing to remain strong. The company offers highly skilled positions and provides comprehensive in-house training, benefits and merit-based bonuses based on company performance. Additionally, Western Skyways supports employees in obtaining necessary licenses by covering license and training expenses.

Greg Pope, Executive Director of One Delta County, commented on the relocation: "We have been in contact with Western Skyways for a couple of years. When the property on F Road became available, it presented an excellent opportunity for the company to make the move. They are exactly the kind of company we are targeting and we couldn't be more thrilled to welcome Western Skyways to Delta County".

About Western Skyways

Western Skyways was originally founded in the mid-1940's in Troutdale, Oregon. It moved to Montrose in 1994 and is a leader in aviation services. The company prides itself on its skilled workforce, quality of work, and commitment to customer service and satisfaction. With the transition to its new facility in Delta, Western Skyways will continue to set the standard in the aviation industry.

About One Delta County: An Economic Alliance

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