

# **NEWS**

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### **FAA Grants Approval to SCLA School of Aviation Technology**

VICTORVILLE – The School of Aviation Technology at Southern California Logistics Airport in Victorville today announced it has received approval from the Federal Aviation Administration to begin formal instruction of students. Students will begin studies almost immediately – the first class begins March 9.

“I’m excited to see the school take this final step and open its doors for students,” said Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who secured more than \$500,000 for the school. “With the state our economy is in now, we need this school more than ever. With the cooperation of the City of Victorville and the County Workforce Investment Board, we’ve created a tremendous opportunity for local residents.”

In addition to the \$500,000 provided by Supervisor Mitzelfelt, the County’s Workforce Investment Board contributed \$75,000 in Workforce Investment Act funds, and \$179,600 in Employment Training Panel funds for a total County contribution of \$754,600.

Graduates from the program will be eligible for licensure as airframe and powerplant (A&P) mechanics, an occupation that is, and will continue to be, in high demand. Existing aviation maintenance firms at SCLA have indicated a need to hire up to 200 A&P mechanics per year. Entry level A&P mechanics earn \$40,000 to \$45,000 per year and experienced mechanics can earn more than \$100,000 per year.

“This is another positive step in the development at SCLA,” added Supervisor Mitzelfelt, who also serves as Chairman of the Victor Valley Economic Development Authority, the joint powers authority with the responsibility for redeveloping the former George Air Force Base. “The School of Aviation Technology further establishes SCLA’s role as a logistics hub for the region.”

Students interested in registering for the program may call SCLA at (760) 243-1904.