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Mitzelfelt Congratulates First Graduating Class of SCLA School of Aviation Technology

VICTORVILLE – First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt today joined the first graduating class of Southern California Logistics Airport’s (SCLA) School of Aviation Technology to congratulate them on their achievement.

“Success at SCLA will help the High Desert shape its future, while providing thousands of quality local jobs in the Victor Valley,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt. “This school serves as an incentive for businesses worldwide to locate in our county, because they can recruit a local, trained workforce here at SCLA.”

On Feb. 22, 2007, the County of San Bernardino, through its Workforce Investment Board, contributed \$75,000 to support the training at the SCLA School of Aviation Technology. Then on March 20, 2007, Supervisor Mitzelfelt contributed \$500,000 from his district discretionary funds to purchase equipment and facilities for the school. The County’s Workforce Investment Board then allocated \$179,600 in Employment Training Panel funds for a total County contribution of \$754,600 toward establishment of the program. In addition, the County Workforce Investment Board has supported students in the classes by providing tuition assistance. Tuition for the course is \$6,400.

“This ceremony today not only commemorates student achievement, it is also celebrates the growing success of SCLA,” said Victorville Mayor Pro Tem Mike Rothschild. “Our goal at SCLA is to develop this facility into a logistics center and thriving airport to create jobs. This program brings us full circle by providing the training necessary to fill these jobs. Everyone associated with this project should be proud.”

An impartial survey of the 17 aviation-related businesses at SCLA, conducted by Victor Valley Aviation Education Consortium, revealed that there is a demand for approximately 150 to 300 new mechanics annually, as well as a need for training programs to help current and new employees obtain licensure through the Federal Aviation Administration.

Aircraft mechanics must be licensed by the FAA. They earn a median income of \$57,380 with experienced workers earning \$77,234. For more information about the school, contact the County’s High Desert Employment Resource Center at (760) 949-8526.