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Republic Airways Opens Applications for Paid FAA Aircraft Dispatcher Certification Training Program

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INDIANAPOLIS--(**BUSINESS WIRE**)--Republic Airways announced today that it is accepting applicants for a June 2022 class into its aircraft dispatcher apprenticeship program. The program is Indiana's only aircraft dispatcher certification program.

"This is an exciting time to join our industry," said Paul Kinstedt, Chief Operating Officer for Republic Airways. "Airlines across the world are hiring and people with the right skills set are in high demand. Our aircraft dispatcher certification program offers graduates a great launchpad into commercial aviation as well as offering the convenience of training locally at the center of one of the country's largest airline's operations."

Republic's first apprenticeship class of 2022 graduated at the end of February with 13 students certified by the Federal Aviation Administration as aircraft dispatchers. As a key feature of the program, apprentices who receive FAA certification have the opportunity to work as aircraft dispatchers in Republic's System Operations Control (SOC) center where they help ensure the safe operation of hundreds of flights each day across the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

Republic's apprenticeship program runs six to eight weeks and covers all of the technical skills required for the position of aircraft dispatcher. Program participants are paid throughout the duration of the apprenticeship.

Aircraft dispatchers work at the heartbeat of every U.S. airline, planning routes of flight, filing flight plans with the FAA and communicating critical safety information to flight crews at all stages of flight to maintain safety. Dispatchers respond to unexpected events and ensure the airline's operations comply with all applicable regulations and air traffic control requirements. All commercial airlines in the United States are required to provide

aircraft dispatch functions performed by licensed dispatchers.

Applicants for the aircraft dispatcher apprenticeship program must be high school graduates or have a GED, able to work in a fast-paced environment, multi-task and appropriately prioritize tasks, possess strong mathematics skills, be problem solvers and have a customer service orientation. Aircraft dispatchers are required by the FAA to be age 23 or older, but the apprenticeship program is open to those age 22 and older.

Additional information on the apprenticeship program along with an application can be found at www.rjet.com/careers/ under the "Corporate Opportunities" link by searching for "Dispatcher Apprentice" or directly via <https://careers.rjet.com/job/15143361/aircraft-dispatcher-apprenticeship-indianapolis-in/>.

About Republic Airways Inc.:

Founded in 1974, Republic Airways is one of the largest regional airlines in the U.S. Republic operates a fleet of more than 227 Embraer 170/175 aircraft and offers scheduled passenger service with daily flights to 100 cities in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and Central America. The airline provides fixed-fee flights operated under its codeshare partners' brands: American Eagle, Delta Connection and United Express. The airline employs more than 6,000 aviation professionals. Learn more at www.rjet.com.

About LIFT Academy:

In May 2018, Republic opened the Leadership In Flight Training (LIFT) Academy, a commercial aviation pilot and maintenance technician training school in Indianapolis. LIFT uses state-of-the-art training technologies that combine flight, flight simulator, online and in-classroom training. Graduates have a defined pathway to a job as a pilot or aircraft technician at Republic. Learn more at www.flywithlift.com.

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