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## **New daily nonstop service from DFW Airport to Paris, France begins on May 7**

### **Airport welcomes Air France with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and traditional “Shower of Affection”**

DALLAS/FORT WORTH AIRPORT, TEXAS (May 2, 2001)—On Monday, May 7, Air France will begin a new daily nonstop service from DFW Airport to Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris. This new direct international service signals a strong and growing business link between North Texas and Europe, especially France. Currently, 38 North Texas companies are conducting business with France, including six Fortune 500 companies and 40 French companies who have operations within the DFW Metroplex.

This Paris direct flight is the second such service out of DFW, which enhances the Airport’s easy, nonstop connections to more than 85 cities throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

“This new service by Air France is a reflection of the robust international business climate of the DFW Metroplex. With the addition of Air France, our passengers will continue to enjoy a high standard of flight service and an extensive travel network from DFW Airport,” said Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW International Airport.

The North Texas region also has strong air trade ties with France. In 1999, France accounted for 13 percent of DFW Airport’s total air trade with Europe. Some of the most valued traded items are in the high tech arena, which include semiconductors and integrated circuits, aircraft supplies, spacecraft parts and office machinery.

This new service is also predicted to benefit the local economy. Financial experts estimate this daily nonstop flight to Paris, France from DFW Airport will generate \$124 million for the Metroplex.

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Air France Flight 43 will depart DFW Airport at 7:15 p.m. Monday and arrive in Paris at 11:35 a.m. on Tuesday. Flight 40 will depart Paris at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday and arrive in Dallas-Fort Worth at 4:15 p.m. the following day.

DFW Airport will conduct a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. in Terminal E Gate 37, and a traditional “Shower of Affection” is scheduled at 4:50 p.m. when the Airbus 340-300 aircraft arrives at DFW Airport.

DFW International Airport is the world’s third busiest airport, serving 60 million passengers a year. Offering nearly 2,300 flights daily, DFW Airport provides nonstop service to 121 domestic and 31 international destinations worldwide. For real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, log on to [www.dfwairport.com](http://www.dfwairport.com).

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**Editor’s Note:** Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW International Airport and DFW Airport Board Chairman Tom Dunning will give opening remarks. The CEO of Air France and several DFW Airport officials will also be in attendance.

A DFW Airport Public Affairs official will meet photographers and camera crews at 4:30 p.m. outside Terminal E Gate 37 to escort them to the ramp to take pictures of the “Shower of Affection” ceremony. Please call (972) 574-NEWS to arrange an escort.

A “Shower of Affection” is an event in which two aircraft fire fighting units are positioned across from each other while they simultaneously discharge an arch of water over a taxing aircraft.