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C&T Charters Begins Offering Flights from O'Hare International Airport to Havana, Cuba

Service Starting November 25, 2011 is first nonstop flight between Chicago and Cuba

CHICAGO – The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) welcomes new service between Havana, Cuba and Chicago O'Hare International Airport by C&T Charters, Inc. Beginning today, one daily arrival and one daily departure to Havana will be available every Friday for qualified travelers. Beginning January 9, 2012, C&T plans to add an additional daily flight on Mondays. The charter company will operate a 737-400 aircraft, which will accommodate 150 passengers.

O'Hare was one of several airports authorized by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in March 2011 to host charter flights to Cuba. Previously, flights between Cuba and the United States had been restricted to Miami, New York and Los Angeles airports. C&T Charters is working with air carrier Sky King to provide service to Havana from O'Hare International Terminal 5.

"With growing demand by Americans to visit Cuba, we're pleased that President Obama took the bold step of making this country more accessible to Chicagoans who want to fly directly to Cuba from O'Hare to visit family, pursue research and education, or for business reasons," said Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Chicago's ability to now offer air service to Cuba demonstrates our city's competitiveness in the global marketplace and it furthers our mission to provide direct connections to Chicago from all around the world."

"The Chicago Department of Aviation is pleased to now offer service to Cuba from O'Hare International Airport," said CDA Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. "We continually seek to provide new service to our traveling customers, who want convenient, nonstop access to the world, and we are committed to adding service to the destinations that travelers want to visit."

C&T Charters received landing rights in Cuba for Chicago flights in July 2011. John Cabanas, its President and CEO, stated: "C&T Charters is pleased to begin offering nonstop flights to Cuba from O'Hare," also pointing out that "This is the first time in the history of aviation that there has been nonstop air service between Chicago and Havana."

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“Travelers can learn more about who is permitted to fly to Cuba from O’Hare on our web site, www.ctcharters.com, with links to the regulations established by the U.S. Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control,” said C&T Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Richard Reposa. “We invite interested travelers to call us for more information and reservations at (800) 914-CUBA or (312) 878-7621.”

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About the Chicago Department of Aviation

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O’Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago’s airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

Since 2009, Chicago’s airports have welcomed many new domestic and international passenger airlines. Those include low-cost carriers Iceland Express, Virgin America, Volaris and VivaAerobus, network passenger carriers Etihad Airways, Cathay Pacific Airways and Copa Airlines (December 2011); and small community air service provider Air Choice One. New international cargo carriers include AirBridgeCargoAirlines, Qatar Airways Cargo and Yangtze RiverExpressAirlines.

About C&T Charters

C&T Charters, Inc. is an U.S. Indirect Air Carrier based in Coral Gables, Fla., that is licensed to provide charter flights to Cuba. C&T has over 20 years of experience during which time over 1 million passengers have flown between the two countries with C&T’s Charters, Inc. Currently C&T provides service between Miami and Havana five to six days a week, service between Miami and Camaguey, Cuba two to three times a week and one to two times a week between New York’s JFK airport and Havana. C&T Charters, flights are operated exclusively utilizing Boeing 737 aircraft. The C&T Charters Office in Chicago is located at the 2642 W Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622, (312) 878-7621 or (312)878-7627.