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## ***Air Traffic Control Tower at Shreveport Downtown Airport Will Remain Open Until June 15th***

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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On Friday April 5, 2013, Shreveport Airport Authority received notice from the Federal Aviation Administration that the air traffic control tower at the Shreveport Downtown Airport (DTN) will remain open until June 15<sup>th</sup>. There are 148 other control towers nationwide that will also remain open.

"I am thrilled that we will be able to keep the control tower open at Shreveport Downtown Airport. This means our on-site tenants as well as the dozens of out of town visitors that use the airport each week will continue to take off and land safely. Even with this good news today, we are still working on a permanent solution to keep the control tower open." said Stacy Kuba, Manager of the Shreveport Downtown Airport.

According to a press release from the Federal Aviation Administration that was sent to the affected airports, this additional time will allow the agency to attempt to resolve multiple legal challenges to the closure decisions. As part of the tower closure implementation process, the agency continues to consult with airports and operators and review appropriate risk mitigations. Extending the transition deadline will give the FAA and airports more time to execute the changes to the National Airspace System.

"The FAA's decision to keep the Shreveport Downtown Airport control tower open is great news for our community. Airport and city officials are diligently working with our U.S. Congressional Delegation on a solution to keep the tower open beyond the new June 15<sup>th</sup> scheduled closure date. This will allow the airport to continue to operate at the highest level of safety," said Shreveport Mayor Cedric Glover.

The annual operating costs for the control tower at the Shreveport Downtown Airport are \$400,000+ annually.

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The Shreveport Downtown Airport opened in 1931 with commercial airline service with Delta Air Lines. The route consisted of Dallas to Shreveport and on to Monroe, Louisiana, and to Jackson, Mississippi. In the 83 years since opening the Shreveport Downtown Airport has grown to be the largest general aviation airport in Louisiana with 316 aircraft based there.