



[Spirit Airlines Announces Service to KC](#)

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April 23 – Spirit Airlines announced today that Kansas City will be the 56<sup>th</sup> city added to its route network, offering daily nonstop ultra-low fare service to Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport (ORD), Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), Detroit’s Metropolitan Airport (DTW), and Las Vegas McCarran International Airport (LAS) beginning on August 7, 2014, and service to Houston’s George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) starting on August 8, 2014.

Customers can check out the low fares available from Kansas City to all of these destinations offered every day at [www.spirit.com](http://www.spirit.com) and also sign up to receive alerts on Spirit’s email deals and offers.

“We look forward to help customers traveling to or from the Kansas City area to save money with our ultra-low fares and optional services for a total price that is tough to beat” said Mark Kopczak, Spirit’s Vice President, Network Planning. “With our unique product, value-conscious travelers get to enjoy keeping more money in their pocket to spend on the good times when they get their destination.”

“Spirit Airlines’ decision to add Kansas City to its rapidly expanding network is a testament to the strength of this region,” said Mark VanLoh, Director of Aviation for the Kansas City Aviation Department. “Spirit has selected five key destinations from Kansas City that will benefit both leisure and business customers alike.”

**Spirit’s Kansas City (MCI) – Chicago/O’Hare (ORD) schedule effective August 7, 2014:**

	Depart	Arrive	Flight #	Stops	Frequency
Kansas City – Chicago	3:28 pm	4:58 pm	660	0	Daily
Chicago – Kansas City	1:13 pm	2:48 pm	659	0	Daily

**Spirit’s Kansas City (MCI) – Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) schedule effective August 7, 2014:**

	Depart	Arrive	Flight #	Stops	Frequency
Kansas City – Dallas/Fort Worth	5:35 pm	7:02 pm	913	0	Daily
Dallas/Fort Worth – Kansas City	7:42 pm	9:10 pm	442	0	Daily

**Spirit’s Kansas City (MCI) – Detroit (DTW) schedule effective August 7, 2014:**

	Depart	Arrive	Flight #	Stops	Frequency
Kansas City – Detroit	12:05 pm	3:02 pm	816*	0	Daily
Detroit – Kansas City	3:50 pm	4:50pm	913	0	Daily

\* = Effective August 8, 2014

**Spirit’s Kansas City (MCI) – Las Vegas (LAS) schedule effective August 7, 2014:**

	Depart	Arrive	Flight #	Stops	Frequency
Kansas City – Las Vegas	9:55 pm	10:55pm	501	0	Daily
Las Vegas – Kansas City	1:00 am	5:45 am	520*	0	Daily

\* = Effective August 8, 2014

**Spirit’s Kansas City (MCI) – Houston/Bush Intercontinental (IAH) schedule effective August 8, 2014:**

	Depart	Arrive	Flight #	Stops	Frequency
Kansas City – Houston	6:45 am	8:38 am	725	0	Daily
Houston – Kansas City	9:25 am	11:18 am	816	0	Daily



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[International Auto Supplier Selects Platte County for New Manufacturing Facility](#)

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Ontario, Canada-based Martinrea International, Inc. has selected Riverside, Mo., as the location for a new full-service facility to supply the GM assembly plant in Fairfax, Kan. The company will invest multi-millions in the 275,560-sq.-ft. facility, and create 290 new jobs.

Martinrea Riverside, LLC will be located at 5233 NW 41st Street, in Riverside, and will perform four select processes within the facility: stamping, welding, e-coat and final assembly. The operation is the first of its kind in the world for a Tier One automotive supplier.

“Martinrea’s selection of Riverside continues to prove what a prime location Riverside Horizons is for businesses in the automotive industry,” said Riverside Mayor Kathy Rose. “The location not only meets a variety of logistical needs, but a great synergy is starting to develop from having multiple tier one automotive suppliers all located in the same area.”

“I’m proud to welcome Martinrea to our community,” said Commissioner Jason Brown. “Here in Platte County we have a highly skilled workforce that ranks among the highest in the region. Our citizens build and create safe and durable products and it makes me proud to see Platte County continue to remain a strong manufacturing force within the region with the addition of Martinrea.”

Metropolitan Community College has worked to support Martinrea from the beginning of their site selection helping them understand the education, training and consulting services the college is able to provide. Applicants interested in job opportunities with Martinrea Riverside LLC please email [martinrea@mcckc.edu](mailto:martinrea@mcckc.edu).

### **About Martinrea**

Martinrea International, Inc. (TSX:MRE) is a leader in the production of quality steel and aluminum metal parts, assemblies and modules and fluid management systems focused primarily on the automotive sector. Operating 38 plants in North America, South America, Europe and Asia, the company is a Tier One supplier, serving vehicle manufacturers, automotive suppliers and other industrial sectors worldwide. [www.martinrea.com](http://www.martinrea.com)

Platte County EDC Partners:

- State of Missouri
- The Missouri Partnership
- Missouri Department of Economic Development
- Kansas City Area Development Council
- City of Riverside
- KCP&L

- Crossland Construction Company, Inc
- Metropolitan Community College
- Park Hill School District
- davidson architecture & engineering
- Lee & Associates
- Alliance Relocation Center
- Aerotek, Inc.
- Missouri Gas Energy
- KC SmartPort





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[Aviation Technical Services expands to Platte County, creating over 500 new jobs](#)

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.— Everett, Wash.-based [Aviation Technical Services](#) (ATS) announced the company plans to open a new 607,000-sq.-ft. facility at the KCI Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Base at Kansas City International Airport, creating more than 500 new jobs over the next three to five years with potential for 1,000 employees over time. The company will invest upwards of \$7 million.

“This is yet another step to secure ATS’ future and ensures long-term stability for our customers, employees and company. Expanding to Kansas City in the KCI Overhaul Base allows us to meet existing customer requirements and adds to our platform from which to grow and diversify our service offerings over time. We plan to continue to grow in new locations that support this model,” said President and CEO, Matt Yerbic.

With two existing locations in the state of Washington, expanding to Kansas City, Platte County will put ATS in closer proximity to some of its largest customers, allowing the company to improve customer service and expand its client base. Additionally, Kansas City will provide ATS with new competitive advantages and opportunities for future expansion. Kansas City will be the company’s first location outside of the state of Washington. ATS evaluated locations across the U.S. for this facility.

“Once again, Missouri continues to be a global leader in the aerospace and aviation industry,” Gov. Jay Nixon said. “Following Boeing’s decision to bring up to 800 research and IT jobs to the Show-Me State, Aviation Technical Services’ announcement today is further evidence that Missouri’s highly-skilled workforce and pro-business climate make it an outstanding place for companies large and small to prosper. This significant job-creating investment makes it easy to see why Missouri’s unemployment rate has been below the national average for 51 straight months.”

The Platte County Economic Development Council partnered with a number of regional organizations to attract ATS, to Platte County including the State of Missouri; The Missouri Partnership; Missouri Department of Economic Development; City of Kansas City, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri Aviation Department; Kansas City Area Development Council, Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, Missouri; Missouri Division of Workforce Development; KCP&L; Metropolitan Community College; University of Central Missouri; and Kansas City’s Partnership for Regional Education Preparation (PREP-KC).

The KCI Overhaul Base encompasses more than two million sq. ft. of covered space, currently occupied by Jet Midwest, Frontier Airlines, ExpressJet, Republic Airlines and Smith Electric Vehicles.

“Platte County has an outstanding aviation history,” said Platte County Commissioner, Jason Brown. “ATS locating here is a great example of Platte County’s strength in workforce and I welcome ATS to our community. It makes me proud to see Platte County continue to remain a strong aviation force within the region.”

“Platte County EDC is proud to announce ATS will be moving into the Overhaul Base at KCI. Our Platte County workforce ranks among the highest in the region and was one of the critical factors ATS looked at when deciding on its location here in Platte County. Not only being able to show our history in aviation, but the quality of secondary and higher education available here in Platte County, gave us the competitive edge needed,” said Alicia Stephens, Executive Director, Platte County Economic Development Council.

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## **About ATS**

Since opening in 1970, ATS has been providing maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services for commercial and military transport jet aircraft. The largest and most tenured provider of maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services on the U.S. West Coast, ATS is owned and operated in the state of Washington. From a base of operations in Everett and Moses Lake, FAA Class IV Airframe and Class 1, 2 and 3 accessory ratings enable ATS to perform MRO services for virtually any transport aircraft in the world. Today, ATS is home to more than 1,000 employees who work together to support a global

customer base across five major business platforms: Airframe Services; Components Services; Engineering/ Manufacturing Support; Aircraft on Ground (AOG) Services; Boeing Business Jet (BBJ) Completions/ Maintenance Support. For more information, visit [atsmro.com](http://atsmro.com).