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## **FAA PLACES AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TRAINING AT SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE**

*Sacramento*—The Federal Aviation Administration has selected Sacramento City College as one of five new sites nationally to place air traffic control training programs. There is only one other FAA training program in the state and it is offered by Mt. San Antonio Community College in southern California.

“We are thrilled to have been chosen for this highly selective training program,” said Los Rios chancellor Brice Harris. “The credit goes to Sacramento City College’s historic and outstanding aeronautics program as well as to the efforts of our business and community partners who for three years through the Sacramento Metro Chamber’s Cap to Cap activity have gone back to Washington to talk with FAA officials and elected representatives about the need to have these programs located here in northern California.”

Twenty-one institutions submitted applications for the programs. The applications were evaluated based on the school’s organizational foundation, resources, and credibility; and air traffic basic curriculum and facilities. The other sites selected include: Florida Institute of Technology; Texas State Technical College; Western Michigan University; and Hesston College in Kansas.

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The FAA estimates that more than 14,000 controllers will leave the workforce by 2015 through retirements, promotions and other forms of attrition. Medium income for controllers is \$122,800 per year.

Sacramento City College expects to begin offering air traffic control classes this coming fall 2010 semester.

“This is another example of our district offering programs unique in our community and that lead to excellent, well-paying jobs,” said Los Rios Board president Kay Albiani.

The Los Rios Community College District enrolls more than 90,000 students at its four colleges—American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake and Sacramento City.

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