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# Southwest Airlines and Flight Simulator Technicians Ratify Contract Extension

DALLAS, Dec. 16, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines (NYSE: LUV) is pleased to announce that its Flight Simulator Technicians, represented by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) Airlines Division, voted to ratify an extension to their current agreement. The agreement is for a two-year contract extension through October 2013. The current contract would have become amendable on November 1, 2011.

"I want to congratulate both sides for ratification of a contract that delivers mutually beneficial enhancements to pay, benefits, and work rules to our dedicated Flight Simulator Technicians," said Mike Van de Ven, Southwest Airlines Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "The negotiating teams were able to balance our competitive needs with our Technicians' requests to quickly come to an agreement as we head toward our 40th year of operation."

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