REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/ Form 8-K July 17, 2008

# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): July 17, 2008

# **REPUBLIC BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **0-24649** (Commission File Number) **61-0862051** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

601 West Market Street, Louisville, Kentucky (Address of principal executive offices) **40202** (zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (502) 584-3600

#### NOT APPLICABLE

(Former Name or former Address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On July 17, 2008, Republic Bancorp, Inc. announced its third quarter 2008 cash dividend. The public announcement was made by means of a news release, the text of which is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

#### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

99.1 Republic Bancorp, Inc. News Release dated July 17, 2008.

The information in this Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished under Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liability of such section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing of Republic Bancorp, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, unless expressly incorporated by specific reference in such filing.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Republic Bancorp, Inc. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Kevin Sipes Kevin Sipes Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Chief Accounting Officer

Date:

July 17, 2008

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.		Description of Exhibit
99.1	News Release dated July 17, 2008. Filed herewith.	

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(1) On June 22, 2006, Mr. Flynn received a grant of 25,000 shares of performance-based restricted stock that vest only if our stock price reaches a value specified by the Compensation Committee and maintains such value for a duration specified by the Compensation Committee. If the price point is not met and maintained for the specified period by June 22, 2010 or if Mr. Flynn ceases to be an employee of the Company before the shares vest, the shares are forfeited.

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On September 19, 2006, Mr. Dietrich received a grant of 5,000 shares of performance-based restricted stock that vest on the same stock price criteria as are applicable to Mr. Flynn.

- (2) Mr. Flynn was granted 18,000 shares of restricted stock in connection with his employment agreement, which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on of June 22, 2007.
- (3) The 50,000 options granted in 2006 to Mr. Flynn becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments based on the anniversary of the grant at an exercise price of \$50.00, which for Mr. Flynn was June 22, 2006.

The 10,000 options granted in 2006 to Mr. Dietrich become exercisable in four equal annual installments based on the anniversary of the grant at an exercise price of \$43.92, which for Mr. Dietrich was September 19, 2006.

All option awards were granted with an exercise price equal to the closing price on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on the date of the grant, which for Mr. Flynn was \$50 per share and for Mr. Dietrich was \$43.92 per share.

(4) The fair value of the restricted stock shown in the table is based on the closing market price of the common stock as of the date of the award. The fair value of the options is determined using the Black-Scholes Merton option pricing model as described in footnote 3 to the Summary Compensation Table above.

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#### Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End 2006

The following table shows outstanding equity awards for our Named Executive Officers as of December 31, 2006:

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- (1) Options vest ratably over four years. Of the restricted shares awarded, 18,000 shares vest ratably over four years and 25,000 shares vest on attainment of a specified stock price for a specified period of time prior to June 22, 2010.
- (2) Options and restricted shares vest ratably over four years.
- (3) Options vest ratably over three years. Of the restricted shares awarded, 13,200 shares vest ratably over three years and 5,000 shares vest on attainment of a specified stock price for a specified period of time prior to

June 22, 2010.

- (4) Options vest ratably over three years.
- (5) Options vest ratably over four years.
- (6) Options and restricted shares vest ratably over three years.
- (7) Market values reflect the closing price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on December 31, 2006, which was \$44.50 per share.

#### Option Exercises and Stock Vested during Fiscal 2006

The following table provides information relating to option exercises and stock vesting for our Named Executive Officers during fiscal 2006:

	<b>Option Awards</b>		Stock Awards			
Name	Number of Shares Acquired On Exercise	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)		
(a) William I. Elunn	<b>(b)</b>	( <b>c</b> )	( <b>d</b> )	(e)		
William J. Flynn Jeffrey H. Erickson Michael L. Barna	119,132	2,861,893	58,733 5,000	2,410,402 230,000		
John W. Dietrich	9,466	271,566	13,200	541,728		
Ronald A. Lane	3,500	101,153	13,200	541,728		
James R. Cato	4,600	134,780	7,000	287,280		
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# Pension Benefits for 2006

Other than in relation to the retirement of Mr. Erickson, as discussed in the section headed Compensation Discussion and Analysis, we do not have any plans providing for payments or other benefits at, following, or in connection with retirement.

## **Employment and Other Agreements**

*Jeffrey H. Erickson*. Mr. Erickson s employment agreement was terminated pursuant to a Retirement and General Release Agreement (the Retirement Agreement ) dated January 29, 2006, subject to the survival of certain provisions of his employment agreement. Mr. Erickson s Retirement Agreement and the surviving provisions from his employment agreement are discussed in more detail above under the heading Determination of 2006 Compensation. In addition to the compensation described above, the terms of Mr. Erickson s Retirement Agreement Agreement Agreement provide that he may be eligible to receive a success fee with respect to our transaction with DHL, which transaction was initiated during Mr. Erickson s tenure as our President and Chief Executive Officer, if it is completed within a year of his retirement. If paid, the success fee will be equal to 10% of the fee paid to the investment bankers associated with the DHL transaction.

*William J. Flynn.* Mr. Flynn s employment agreement was entered into on April 21, 2006 and became effective on June 22, 2006. Pursuant to Mr. Flynn s employment agreement, he received a base annual salary of \$650,000, pro rated for 2006. Mr. Flynn also received a sign-on payment of \$200,000 and a grant of 18,000 shares of AAWW restricted stock with a value of \$900,000 under the agreement. Such shares will vest one-quarter on each of the first four anniversaries of June 22, 2006. In addition, Mr. Flynn received a grant of 50,000 stock options, vesting in four equal parts on the first four anniversaries of the commencement of his employment, and 25,000 shares of performance-based restricted stock, vesting if our Common Stock reaches a specified value for a specified period of time prior to the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.

If Mr. Flynn is terminated by the Company for cause, or if he resigns, he is entitled to receive salary earned up to date of termination or resignation. If Mr. Flynn is terminated by the Company without cause, or if he resigns for good reason (as defined in the agreement and discussed in the section headed Payments Upon a Change of Control and Termination of Employment below), he is entitled to (i) 18 months base salary; (ii) accrued but unused vacation pay; (iii) all vested rights and benefits pursuant to other Company plans and programs; and (iv) health and welfare benefits coverage for 12 months (provided that such coverage will cease if Mr. Flynn receives comparable coverage from subsequent employment). If, within the six months preceding or 12 months following a change of control (as defined in the agreement and discussed in the section headed Payments Upon a Change of Control and Termination of Employment below), Mr. Flynn s employment is terminated not for cause or if he resigns for good reason, Mr. Flynn is entitled to the same benefits as described above with the exception that his payment of base salary is increased from 18 months to 24 months.

Under the terms of his employment agreement, Mr. Flynn is prevented from soliciting or interfering with any of our contracts, client relationships, independent contractors, suppliers, customers, employees or directors for a period of two years following termination of his employment with us. Additionally, for a period of one year following termination of his employment, Mr. Flynn may not accept employment with, or give advice to, any air cargo carrier carrying on a business substantially similar to Atlas.

*Ronald A. Lane.* Mr. Lane s employment agreement was entered into effective May 1, 2003. It was amended as of January 24, 2004 and April 20, 2004, respectively. His base salary as of the original agreement date was \$200,000 and it provided that the salary would be reviewed from time to time, with a guarantee that the salary would be at least \$350,000 as of May 1, 2005. The agreement had an initial term extending until May 1, 2008, with automatic one-year

renewals unless written notice was given by either party at least three months prior to such renewal. Under the amended agreement, Mr. Lane is eligible to receive (i) an annual incentive bonus at a budget of 50% of his base salary based on our financial and Mr. Lane s individual performance for each calendar year during his employment, (ii) an automobile allowance of \$700 per month, (iii) other customary benefits available to our management employees and (iv) in the event of termination of

the agreement by Atlas for reasons other than cause (as defined in the agreement) or by Mr. Lane for good reason (as defined in the agreement), a lump sum payment equal to 18 months of his then-base salary. Under the terms of his employment agreement, Mr. Lane is prevented from soliciting or interfering with any of our contracts, client relationships, independent contractors, suppliers, customers, employees or directors, and he may not accept employment with, or give advice to, any air cargo carrier carrying on a business substantially similar to Atlas, for a period of one year following termination for cause, his resignation for good reason, or in the event that, upon termination, he receives a lump sum payment equal to 18 months of his then-base salary.

On March 22, 2007, Mr. Lane was elected Senior Vice President and Special Advisor of AAWW, Atlas and Polar. In conjunction with this appointment, Mr. Lane resigned as our Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer. Mr. Lane currently is expected to retire at the end of 2007.

*John W. Dietrich.* Mr. Dietrich s employment agreement, which was amended and restated effective September 15, 2006, initially was entered into on March 19, 2003 and amended as of August 1, 2003, January 29, 2004 and April 1, 2005, respectively. Under his current employment agreement, Mr. Dietrich will receive a base annual salary of \$425,000, pro rated for the period from September 15, 2006 to December 31, 2006 and thereafter subject to annual review. Mr. Dietrich remains eligible to participate in the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan for Senior Executives and continues to be entitled to an annual incentive bonus at 60% 120% of his annual base salary, which 2006 fiscal year bonus will be prorated based on the amount of base salary earned in 2006. Under the agreement, if Mr. Dietrich s employment is terminated without cause, or if Mr. Dietrich resigns for good reason (as defined in his agreement), he is entitled to 18 months base salary, payable in a single lump sum, which amount increases to 24 months base salary if his employment agreement also provides that he will not, for a period of one year following the termination of his employment with us, solicit or interfere with any of our contracts, client relationships, independent contractors, suppliers, customers, employees or directors. Additionally, for a period of one year following termination of his employment, Mr. Dietrich may not accept employment in a non-attorney capacity with, or give non-legal advice to, certain of our major competitors.

*Michael L. Barna*. Effective April 11, 2005, we entered into a term sheet with Mr. Barna governing the terms of his employment that does not contain a fixed term of employment. Mr. Barna s base salary under the term sheet is \$300,000, subject to annual review, and he is entitled to receive (i) an annual incentive bonus at a budget of 50% of his base salary based on our financial and Mr. Barna s individual performance for each fiscal year during his employment, which we agreed not to pro rate for fiscal year 2005, (ii) other customary benefits available to our senior management employees and (iii) in the event of termination of Mr. Barna by the Company for reasons other than cause or pursuant to a change of control, a payment equal to 12 months of his then-base salary paid in accordance with our normal payroll schedule.

*James R. Cato.* Mr. Cato s employment agreement was entered into effective November 1, 2000 and amended effective February 1, 2004. The agreement does not specify a fixed term of employment. His initial base salary was \$195,000, which was increased by the February 1, 2004 amendment to \$240,000. Under the amended agreement, Mr. Cato is eligible to receive (i) an annual incentive bonus at a budget of 50% of his base salary based on the Company s financial, and Mr. Cato s individual, performance for each calendar year during his employment, (ii) an automobile allowance on a tax grossed-up basis for either a company automobile or a leased automobile, valued at an amount similar to that of our other officers, (iii) temporary housing and commuting expenses on a tax-grossed up basis, (iv) other customary benefits available to our management employees, and (v) in the event of termination of the agreement by the Company for reasons other than cause (as defined in his agreement) or by Mr. Cato for good reason (as defined in his agreement), payment of 18 months of his then-base salary.

#### **Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control**

We have several plans that govern payments to our Named Executive Officers in the event of a change of control of the Company, a change in the Named Executive Officer s responsibilities, or a termination of any

Named Executive Officer. Each of our 2006 Annual Incentive Plan for Senior Executives, 2006 Annual Incentive Plan for Vice Presidents, and 2004 LTIP includes provisions regarding payments to Named Executive Officers upon termination of employment or a change of control of the Company. In addition, we have entered into employment agreements with certain of our Named Executive Officers that contain provisions regarding such payments. These employment agreements are summarized in the sections headed Employment Agreements and Determination of 2006 Compensation above.

# Payments Upon Termination

Our Named Executive Officers, other than Mr. Cato, participate in our Benefits Program for Executive Vice Presidents and Senior Vice Presidents pursuant to which they are entitled to accrued but unpaid Base Salary as of the date of termination in the event of a termination of employment for cause (as defined below) or resignation. Mr. Cato participates in our Benefits Program for Vice Presidents pursuant to which he is entitled to accrued but unpaid Base Salary as of the date of termination in the event of a termination of employment for cause (as defined below) or resignation. Payments due to our Named Executive Officers upon termination by the Company, other than for cause or upon resignation for good reason, are described under the section headed Employment Agreements above.

#### Payments Upon a Change of Control (without termination of employment)

#### 2006 Annual Incentive Plans

The 2006 Annual Incentive Plan for Senior Executives provides that, in the event of a change of control during the Plan year, all annual cash incentive awards shall become payable as if the date of the change of control was the last day of the plan year, with the financial goal adjusted accordingly. A change of control is defined as when another party (acting alone or with affiliates) beneficially owns 50% or more of our issued and outstanding voting stock. The 2006 Annual Incentive Plan for Vice Presidents contains the same provisions as the Plan for Senior Executives, except that the change of control threshold is 40% or more of our issued and outstanding voting stock.

#### 2004 Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan

The 2004 LTIP includes change of control provisions which are triggered by a merger or consolidation, the sale of a majority of our assets, or stockholders approving a plan of complete liquidation. In the event of one of these change of control triggers:

all stock options become fully vested and exercisable;

all restrictions and other conditions on any restricted stock, units, performance shares or other awards lapse, and such awards be come free of all restrictions and fully vested;

all outstanding options, restricted shares and other share based awards will be cashed out for the per share price paid to holders of common stock in connection with the change of control (or, if no consideration is paid, the fair market value of the stock immediately prior to the change of control), except for incentive stock options, which will be cashed out based on the transactions reported for the date of the change of control; and

subject to Compensation Committee discretion, any awards of performance shares or units relating to a period in which the change of control occurs become immediately payable in cash, to be paid pro rata based on achievement of the maximum performance targets.

#### Payments Upon a Change of Control and Termination of Employment

We have agreements with certain of our Named Executive Officers which provide for severance benefits in the event of certain terminations of employment following a change of control. These benefits are

summarized below. A change of control is defined to occur upon the acquisition by any person or group of beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the Company.

The change of control provisions of the employment agreements with our Named Executive Officers are double-trigger agreements. Mr. Flynn s agreement provides that if, within 6 months preceding or 6 months following a change of control, we terminate his employment (other than for cause) or he resigns for good reason (as defined below), then Mr. Flynn will receive the following benefits: (i) 24 months base salary; (ii) vesting of all rights under plans and (iii) health and welfare benefits for 12 months. Mr. Dietrich s agreement provides that if, within 6 months before or 12 months after a change of control, the Company terminates his employment (other than for cause) or he resigns for good reason , then Mr. Dietrich will receive: (i) the payment of 24 months base salary; (ii) relocation expenses back to Chicago; and (iii) health and welfare benefits for 12 months. Under the terms of Mr. Barna s employment, if the Company terminates his employment pursuant to a change of control, Mr. Barna will be entitled to 12 months base salary. Messrs. Lane and Cato are not entitled to any incremental compensation in the event of a change of control followed by termination or resignation for good reason but remain entitled to the payments owed to them upon termination without cause or resignation for good reason.

The term cause as used in the agreements means (i) any act of material dishonesty, (ii) failure to comply with the material obligations set out in the employment agreement, (iii) a material violation of the Company s corporate policies, or (iv) the conviction of plea of no contest to any misdemeanor of moral turpitude or any felony.

The term good reason means, for Messrs. Flynn, Lane and Cato (i) a reduction in compensation, (ii) a material reduction in title or job responsibilities (and in the case of Messrs. Flynn and Lane, any reduction following a change of control), or (iii) a requirement to relocate the executive s primary residence. For Mr. Dietrich, it includes (i) a reduction in base salary or bonus eligibility, or (ii) reduction in job title or responsibilities.

Set forth below is the amount of compensation that each of our Named Executive Officers would receive in the event of termination of such executive s employment or a change of control that is incremental to amounts previously earned and accrued by the executive for performance of his duties to the date of termination. The amounts shown assume that such termination or change of control was effective as of December 31, 2006, and are estimates of the amounts which would be paid out to the executives upon their termination or upon a change of control. For the equity component of such compensation, the Company used the closing price of AAWW common stock as of December 31, 2006. The actual amounts to be paid out can only be determined at the time of such events.

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			Termination of Employment without				
Name		Cause*	Cause*	of E	mployment*	En	ployment*
William J. Flynn Jeffrey H. Erickson(1)	\$	987,000	\$	\$	1,913,500	\$	1,312,000
Michael L. Barna		308,000	177,500		1,200,000		308,000
John W. Dietrich		649,500	1,054,583		1,486,883		862,000
Ronald A. Lane		550,080	850,583		850,583		550,080

James R. Cato 369,000	439,380	439,380	369,000
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Mr. Erickson retired from his position as President and Chief Executive Officer on June 22, 2006. Payments
made and owing to Mr. Erickson in connection with his retirement are discussed in the section headed
Compensation Discussion and Analysis .

\* We used the following assumptions to calculate these payments:

We valued stock options using the closing price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on December 31, 2006, which was \$44.50 per share, by multiplying the difference between the Market Price and the Exercise Price by the number of Accelerated Shares.

We assumed in each case that termination is not for cause, the executive does not violate his non-competition or non-solicitation agreements with us following termination, the executive does not receive medical and life insurance coverage from another employer within 12 months of the termination of his employment, the executive does not have any unused vacation time, and the executive does not incur legal fees or relocation expenses requiring reimbursement from us.

We used the same assumptions for health care benefits that we used for our financial reporting under generally accepted accounting principles.

We included the estimated present value of accelerating any award of stock options that is accelerated upon a termination of employment or termination of employment and change of control. On the case of a termination and change of control, we assumed that all such awards would be cashed out at closing. See the table titled Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End 2006 for information regarding unvested equity awards.

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#### **PROPOSAL 2**

#### APPROVAL OF ATLAS AIR WORLDWIDE HOLDINGS, INC. 2007 INCENTIVE PLAN

On April 6, 2007, the Board adopted the 2007 Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. 2007 Incentive Plan (the Plan ), and recommends that stockholders also approve the Plan.

The purpose of the Plan is to advance the interests of the Company by providing for the grant to eligible participants of stock-based and other incentive awards. The Plan is intended to accomplish these goals by enabling the Company to grant awards in the form of options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, unrestricted stock, performance awards, cash awards and stock units, including restricted stock units or combinations thereof, all as more fully described below.

If approved, the Plan will replace the 2004 LTIP Plan ( prior plan ), and no new awards will be granted under the prior plan. Awards outstanding under the prior plan will continue to be governed by the terms of that plan and agreements under which they were granted.

We are not asking stockholders to authorize any additional shares under the Plan at this time. The only shares of stock that may be issued under the Plan are shares that were authorized for issue but unused under the prior plan. If the Plan is approved by the stockholders, no further awards will be made under the prior plan, and the maximum number of shares of stock that may be issued under the Plan will be 628,331, which was the number of unused shares under the prior plan on April 6, 2007, when the Board approved the Plan. Shares subject to awards under the prior plan that are outstanding on the date that the stockholders approve the Plan will be treated as unused shares if such awards are exercised or satisfied, or if they terminate or expire, without the delivery of shares or, in the case of restricted stock awards, if they are forfeited. Shares that are withheld to pay the exercise price of an award or to satisfy tax withholding requirements will not reduce the maximum number of shares available for delivery under the Plan.

#### Overview

*Administration.* The Plan will be administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board. The term administrator is used in this proxy statement to refer to the person (the Compensation Committee and its delegates) charged with administering the Plan. Under the Plan, the administrator may grant stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, unrestricted stock, performance awards (in cash or stock), cash awards and stock units, including restricted stock units, or combinations thereof, and may waive terms and conditions of any award.

The administrator may provide for the payment of amounts in lieu of cash dividends or other cash distributions with respect to shares of stock subject to an award.

*Eligible Employees*. Employees of the Company, including executive officers, directors and other persons providing services to the Company or its subsidiaries who are in a position to make a significant contribution to the success of the Company are eligible to receive awards under the Plan. The Company expects approximately 245 persons to participate in the Plan annually.

*Limitations on Awards.* Section 162(m) of the Code places annual limitations on the deductibility by public companies of compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 paid to each of the chief executive officer and the other four Named Executive Officers ranked by pay, unless, among other things, the compensation is performance-based. For

compensation attributable to stock options and stock appreciation rights to qualify as performance-based, the plan under which they are granted must state a maximum number of shares with respect to which options and rights may be granted to an individual during a specified period and must be approved by the Company s stockholders. To comply with these requirements, the Plan provides that the maximum number of shares as to which options may be granted and the maximum number of shares as to which stock appreciation rights may be granted to any participant during any fiscal year will each be 200,000. The Plan provides that the maximum number of shares as to which other awards may be granted to any participant during any fiscal year will be 100,000 and the maximum amount payable as cash awards to any person in any fiscal year will be \$3,000,000.

*Adjustments.* In the event of a stock dividend, stock split or other change in our capital structure, the administrator will make appropriate adjustments to the limits described above and will also make appropriate adjustments to the number and kind of shares of stock or securities subject to awards, and to the exercise prices of awards affected by the change. The administrator may also make similar adjustments to take into account other distributions to stockholders or any other event, if the administrator determines that adjustments are appropriate to avoid distortion in the operation of the Plan and to preserve the value of awards.

*Stock Options.* The exercise price of a stock option granted under the Plan shall not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the Common Stock at the time of grant. Fair market value shall be determined in accordance with the requirements of Section 422 and Section 409A of the Code. Subject to the foregoing, the administrator will determine the exercise price of each option granted under the Plan on the basis of the closing price of the stock on the date of grant of the option.

Two types of stock options may be granted under the Plan: incentive stock options, or ISOs, which are subject to special tax treatment as described below, and nonstatutory stock options, or NSOs. Eligibility for ISOs is limited to employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. The expiration date of options cannot be more than ten years after the date of the original grant. The administrator may determine other terms and conditions related to the exercise of an option, including the time at which options may be exercised and conditions relating to the exercise of options. No stock options may be granted under the Plan after March 20, 2017, but stock options previously granted may extend beyond that date in accordance with their terms. The exercise price may be paid in cash, by check payable to the order of the Company or by any combination thereof.

*Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs).* The administrator may grant SARs under the Plan. An SAR entitles the holder upon exercise to receive Common Stock equal in value to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of stock subject to the right over the fair market value of such shares on the date of grant. SARs granted under the Plan may not be repriced other than in accordance with the applicable stockholder approval requirements of NASDAQ.

*Stock Awards; Stock Units.* The Plan provides for awards of nontransferable shares of restricted common stock, as well as unrestricted shares of Common Stock. Generally, awards of restricted stock are subject to the requirement that the shares be forfeited or resold to us unless specific conditions are met. The administrator may provide that any recipient of an award of restricted stock will have all the rights of a Company stockholder, including the right to vote the shares and to receive dividends. Other awards under the Plan may also be settled with restricted stock. The Plan provides also for stock units, including restricted stock units, entitling the recipient to receive shares of Common Stock (or cash measured by the value of the Common Stock) in the future on such conditions as the administrator may specify.

*Performance Awards.* The Plan provides for performance awards entitling the recipient to receive cash or common stock following the attainment of performance goals determined by the administrator. Performance conditions may also be attached to other awards under the Plan. In the case of any performance award intended to qualify for the performance-based remuneration exception described in Section 162(m) of the Code, the administrator will use one or more objectively determinable measures of performance relating to any or any combination of the following (measured either absolutely or by reference to an index or indices and determined either on a consolidated basis or, as the context permits, on a divisional, subsidiary, line of business, project or geographical basis or in combinations thereof): sales; revenues; assets; expenses; earnings before or after deduction for all or any portion of interest, taxes,

depreciation, or amortization, whether or not on a continuing operations or an aggregate or per share basis (basic or fully diluted); return on equity, investment, capital or assets; one or more operating ratios such as earnings before interest, taxes and/or depreciation and amortization; borrowing levels, leverage ratios or credit rating; market share; capital

expenditures; cash flow; free cash flow, cash flow, return on investment (discounted or otherwise), net cash provided by operations, or cash flow in excess of cost of capital; stock price; stockholder return; sales of particular products or services; customer acquisition or retention; acquisitions and divestitures (in whole or in part); economic value added; strategic business criteria, consisting of one or more objectives based on meeting specific market penetration, geographic business expansion goals, facility construction or completion goals, geographic facility relocation or completion goals, cost targets, customer satisfaction, supervision of litigation or information technology; joint ventures and strategic alliances; spin-offs, split-ups and the like; reorganizations; or recapitalizations, restructurings, financings (issuance of debt or equity) or refinancings (each, a Performance Criterion ). A Performance Criterion and any targets with respect thereto determined by the Administrator need not be based upon an increase, a positive or improved result or avoidance of loss. To the extent consistent with the requirements for satisfying the performance-based compensation exception under Section 162(m), the administrator may provide in the case of any Award intended to qualify for such exception that one or more of the Performance Criteria applicable to such Award will be adjusted in an objectively determinable manner to reflect events (for example, but without limitation, acquisitions or dispositions) occurring during the performance period that affect the applicable Performance Criterion or Criteria.

*Stock Price*. The closing price of the Company s Common Stock as reported on NASDAQ on March 26, 2007 was \$53.37 per share. Stock options granted under the Plan may not be repriced other than in accordance with the applicable stockholder approval requirements of NASDAQ.

*Transferability*. Neither ISOs nor, except for gratuitous transfers to the extent permitted by the administrator, other awards may be transferred other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. During a recipient s lifetime an ISO and, except as the administrator may provide, other non-transferable awards requiring exercise may be exercised only by the recipient.

*Section 409A.* Each award under the Plan will contain terms, and will be construed and administered, so that the award either qualifies for an exemption from the requirements of Section 409A of the Code or satisfies such requirements.

*Termination.* The Plan sets forth how awards may be treated in the event that a participant s employment terminates. The administrator, however, may provide for different default treatment, dependent upon the type of award granted. Upon termination of a participant s employment, all awards requiring exercise will cease to be exercisable and will terminate, and all other awards, to the extent not vested, will be forfeited unless the administrator provides otherwise. Notwithstanding the above, unless the administrator provides otherwise, if a participant dies or terminates employment by reason of disability, options and SARs exercisable immediately prior to death or disability may be exercised by the participant s executor, administrator or transferee during a period of one year following such death or termination by reason of disability (or for the remainder of their original term, if less). In the case of termination of the participant s employment for reasons other than death or disability, options and SARs remain exercisable, to the extent they were exercisable immediately prior to termination, for three months (or for the remainder of their original term, if less); provided that if in the administrator s judgment the reason for the award holder s termination casts discredit on the participant sufficient to justify immediate termination of the award, then such award will immediately terminate.

*Change of Control.* In the case of certain mergers, consolidations or other transactions in which the Company is acquired or is liquidated and there is a surviving or acquiring corporation, the Plan permits the administrator to arrange for the assumption of awards outstanding under the Plan or the grant to participants of replacement awards by that corporation. If the merger, consolidation or other transaction is one in which holders of common stock will receive a payment upon consummation of the transaction, the administrator may provide for a cash-out payment with respect to some or all awards outstanding. All outstanding awards not assumed by the surviving or acquiring corporation or cashed-out shall become exercisable immediately prior to the consummation of such merger,

consolidation or other transaction and upon such consummation all outstanding awards that have not been assumed or replaced will terminate. The administrator may provide for different or additional terms relating to a change of control of the Company in the awards. In the case of any

such merger, consolidation or other transaction, awards subject to and intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 409A of the Code shall be construed and administered consistent with such intent.

*Amendment.* The administrator may amend the Plan or any outstanding award at any time, provided that except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan the administrator may not, without the participant s consent, alter the terms of an award so as to affect materially and adversely the participant s rights under the award, unless the administrator expressly reserved the right to do so at the time of the award. No such amendment will, without the approval of the stockholders of the Company, effectuate a change for which stockholder approval is required by law (including the Code and applicable stock exchange requirements).

# **Federal Tax Effects**

The following discussion summarizes certain federal income tax consequences of the issuance and receipt of options under the Plan. The summary does not purport to cover federal employment tax or other federal tax consequences that may be associated with the Plan, nor does it cover state, local or non-U.S. taxes.

*Incentive Stock Options.* In general, an optionee realizes no taxable income upon the grant or exercise of an ISO. However, the exercise of an ISO may result in an alternative minimum tax liability to the optionee. With certain exceptions, a disposition of shares purchased under an ISO within two years from the date of grant or within one year after exercise produces ordinary income to the optionee (and a deduction to the Company) equal to the value of the shares at the time of exercise less the exercise price. Any additional gain recognized in the disposition is treated as a capital gain for which the Company is not entitled to a deduction. If the optionee does not dispose of the shares until after the expiration of these one- and two-year holding periods, any gain or loss recognized upon a subsequent sale is treated as a long-term capital gain or loss for which the Company is not entitled to a deduction.

*Nonstatutory Options.* In general, in the case of a NSO, the optionee has no taxable income at the time of grant but realizes income in connection with exercise of the option in an amount equal to the excess (at the time of exercise) of the fair market value of the shares acquired upon exercise over the exercise price. A corresponding deduction is available to the Company. Upon a subsequent sale or exchange of the shares, appreciation or depreciation after the date of exercise is treated as capital gain or loss for which the Company is not entitled to a deduction.

In general, an ISO that is exercised more than three months after termination of employment (other than termination by reason of death or permanent and total disability) is treated as a NSO. ISOs are also treated as non-ISOs to the extent they first become exercisable by an individual in any calendar year for shares having a fair market value (determined as of the date of grant) in excess of \$100,000.

Under the so-called golden parachute provisions of the Code, the vesting or accelerated exercisability of awards in connection with a change in control of the Company may be required to be valued and taken into account in determining whether participants have received compensatory payments, contingent on the change in control, in excess of certain limits. If these limits are exceeded, a substantial portion of amounts payable to the participant, including income recognized by reason of the grant, vesting or exercise of awards under the Plan, may be subject to an additional 20% federal tax and may not be deductible to the Company.

Awards under the Plan are intended either to be exempt from the rules of Section 409A of the Code or to satisfy those rules and shall be construed accordingly. However, the Company will not be liable to any participant or other holder of an award with respect to any award-related adverse tax consequences arising under Section 409A or any other provision of the Code.

*Effective Date of the Plan.* The 2007 Incentive Plan will become effective as of May 23, 2007, provided that it is approved by the stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

## **Plan Benefits**

The future benefits or amounts that would be received under the Plan by executive officers, non-executive directors and non-executive officer employees are discretionary and are therefore not determinable at this time. Three Named Executive Officers have been awarded cash incentive performance awards under the Plan in fiscal year 2007, subject to stockholder approval of the Plan. The table set forth below provides the approximate threshold, budget and maximum bonus payable pursuant to these awards, based on their current salary, pursuant to the Plan for fiscal year 2007. Changes in salary for one or more of the officers in fiscal year 2007 may change the amounts set forth in the table, subject to the \$3,000,000 limit in the Plan on the maximum amount payable to any participant in any fiscal year as a cash award. These awards under the Plan will not be payable unless stockholders approve the Plan.

Name and Position	Threshold (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Budget Bonus (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Maximum Bonus (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>
Bill Flynn, CEO	195,000	520,000	1,040,000
John Dietrich, COO	95,625	255,000	510,000
Mike Barna, CFO Executive Officers	57,904	154,000	308,000
(as a group)	560,194	1,491,938	2,983,875

#### **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table sets forth certain information relating to the shares of common stock that may be issued under the Company s stock-based incentive plans at December 31, 2006.

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants	Weighted average ercise price of outstanding options, warrants	Number of securities remaining available for future
Plan Category	and rights	and rights	issuance
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders <sup>(2)</sup> Equity compensation plans not approved by	1,862,168	\$ 24.91	910,391
security holders	0	0	0
Total	1,862,168	\$ 24.91	910,391

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2007 INCENTIVE PLAN AS SET FORTH HEREIN. THE FULL TEXT OF THE PLAN IS ATTACHED AS <u>APPENDIX A</u> TO THIS PROXY STATEMENT.

<sup>(1)</sup> These amounts are based on a percentage of salary and will change in the event that an executive s salary changes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes shares issuable pursuant to the 2004 LTIP. The 2004 LTIP was approved under the Plan of Reorganization. Pursuant to the Plan of Reorganization, the 2004 LTIP is deemed to be approved by stockholders of AAWW.

#### DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

#### Stockholder Proposals to Be Included in Our 2008 Proxy Statement

We currently expect to hold our 2008 annual meeting of stockholders on or about May 21, 2008. Under the rules of the SEC, if a stockholder wants us to include a proposal in the proxy statement and form of proxy for presentation at our 2008 annual meeting, the proposal must be received by our Secretary no later than December 18, 2007. All stockholder proposals must be made in writing and addressed to the Secretary, Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc., 2000 Westchester Avenue, Purchase, New York 10577.

#### **Advance Notice Procedures**

Under our By-laws, and as permitted by the rules of the SEC, no business may be brought before the Annual Meeting except as specified in the notice of the meeting or as otherwise brought before the Annual Meeting by or at the direction of the Board or by a stockholder entitled to vote who has delivered notice to us (containing certain information specified in our By-laws) not earlier than February 22, 2008 and not later than March 14, 2008. A copy of the By-laws will be sent to any stockholder upon written request to the Secretary of AAWW. These requirements are separate and apart from, and in addition to, the SEC s requirements that a stockholder must meet in order to have his or her stockholder proposal included in our Proxy Statement, as discussed above.

#### ADDITIONAL COPIES OF ANNUAL REPORT

A copy of our 2006 Annual Report accompanies this Proxy Statement. If any person who was a beneficial owner of Common Stock on the Record Date desires additional copies, such copies may be obtained without charge upon request in writing addressed to the Secretary, Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc., 2000 Westchester Avenue, Purchase, New York 10577. Each such copy of our 2006 Annual Report so furnished does not include any exhibits thereto, but is accompanied by a list briefly describing all such exhibits. We will furnish any such exhibit upon written request and upon payment of a reasonable specified fee. The Form 10-K is also available on our website at www.atlasair.com.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Separate Voting Materials**

Some banks, brokers and other record holders have begun the practice of householding proxy statements and annual reports. Householding is the term used to describe the practice of delivering a single set of proxy statements and annual reports to a household at which two or more stockholders reside if a company reasonably believes the stockholders are members of the same family. This procedure reduces the volume of duplicate information stockholders receive and also reduces printing and mailing costs. If you participate in householding and wish to continue receiving individual copies of our proxy statement and annual report, please write or call us at the following address or phone number: the Secretary, Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc., 2000 Westchester Avenue, Purchase, New York, 10577, (914) 701-8000. We will promptly deliver an additional copy of the proxy and/or the annual report to any stockholder who so requests.

#### List of Stockholders

At the Annual Meeting and for 10 days prior to the meeting, the names of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for inspection at for any purpose germane to the meeting, between the

hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., at our principal executive offices at 2000 Westchester Avenue Purchase, New York 10577, by contacting the Secretary of AAWW.

# Limited Voting by Foreign Owners

To comply with restrictions imposed by federal aviation law on foreign ownership of U.S. airlines, our Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws restrict foreign ownership of shares of our Common Stock. The restrictions imposed by federal aviation law (49 U.S.C. §41102) currently include a requirement that no more than 25% of our voting stock be owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by persons who are not Citizens of the United States. There is a separate requirement that we be under the actual control of Citizens of the United States.

Pursuant to our By-laws, there is a separate stock record, designated the Foreign Stock Record for the registration of Voting Stock that is Beneficially Owned by aliens. Voting Stock means all outstanding shares of our capital stock that we may issue from time to time which, by their terms, may vote. Beneficially Owned refers to owners of our securities who, directly or indirectly, have or share voting power and/or investment power.

At no time will ownership of our shares of Common Stock representing more than the Maximum Percentage be registered in the Foreign Stock Record. Maximum Percentage refers to the maximum percentage of voting power of Voting Stock which may be voted by, or at the direction of, aliens without violating applicable statutory, regulatory or interpretative restrictions or adversely affecting our, Atlas s or Polar s operating certificates or authorities. If we find that the combined voting power of Voting Stock then registered in the Foreign Stock Record exceeds the Maximum Percentage, the registration of such shares will be removed from the Foreign Stock Record sufficient to reduce the combined voting power of the shares so registered to an amount not in excess of the Maximum Percentage.

# The enclosed proxy card contains a certification that by signing the proxy card the stockholder certifies that such stockholder is a Citizen of the United States as defined by 49 U.S.C. §40102(a)(15) or that the shares represented by the proxy card have been registered on our Foreign Stock Record.

We will promptly deliver a copy of our By-laws to any stockholder who writes or calls us at the following address or phone number: Attention: the Secretary, Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc., 2000 Westchester Avenue, Purchase, New York, 10577, (914) 701-8000.

# Extent of Incorporation by Reference of Certain Materials

The Audit Committee Report and the Compensation Committee Report on Executive Compensation included in this Proxy Statement do not constitute soliciting materials and should not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any other filing made by us under or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C (other than Item 7 to Regulation 14A), or to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, except to the extent we specifically incorporate such report or performance graph by reference therein.

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#### **OTHER MATTERS**

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, we know of no business that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting other than the election of directors and the approval of the 2007 Incentive Plan, as referred to above. If any other matter is properly brought before the Meeting for action by stockholders, all proxies (in the enclosed form) returned to us will be voted in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Directors or, in the absence of such a recommendation, in accordance with the judgment of the proxy holder.

#### IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PROXIES BE RETURNED PROMPTLY AND THAT YOUR SHARES BE REPRESENTED. STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO FILL IN, SIGN AND PROMPTLY RETURN THE ACCOMPANYING FORM OF PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

By Order of the Board of Directors

WILLIAM J. FLYNN President and Chief Executive Officer

April 16, 2007

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## APPENDIX A

#### Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.

#### **2007 INCENTIVE PLAN**

#### I. DEFINED TERMS

Exhibit A, which is incorporated by reference, defines the terms used in the Plan and sets forth certain operational rules related to those terms.

#### II. PURPOSE

The Plan has been established to advance the interests of the Company by providing for the grant to Participants of Stock-based and other incentive Awards.

### **III. ADMINISTRATION**

The Administrator has discretionary authority, subject only to the express provisions of the Plan, to interpret the Plan; determine eligibility for and grant Awards; determine, modify or waive the terms and conditions of any Award; prescribe forms, rules and procedures; and otherwise do all things necessary to carry out the purposes of the Plan. In the case of any Award intended to be eligible for the performance-based compensation exception under Section 162(m), the Administrator will exercise its discretion consistent with qualifying the Award for that exception. Determinations of the Administrator made under the Plan will be conclusive and will bind all parties.

#### IV. LIMITS ON AWARDS UNDER THE PLAN

- A. Number of Shares. A maximum of 628,331 shares of Stock, representing the unused Prior Plan shares, may be delivered in satisfaction of Awards under the Plan. For purposes of the preceding sentence, shares of Stock shall be treated as unused Prior Plan shares (i) if they were subject to awards under the Prior Plan, other than restricted stock awards, that were outstanding on the day preceding the Effective Date to the extent such Prior Plan awards are exercised or are satisfied, or terminate or expire, on or after the Effective Date without the delivery of such shares, or (ii) if they were outstanding on the day preceding the Effective Date as restricted stock awards under the Prior Plan and are thereafter forfeited. The number of shares of Stock delivered in satisfaction of Awards shall, for purposes of the preceding sentence, be determined net of shares of Stock withheld by the Company in payment of the exercise price of the Award or in satisfaction of tax withholding requirements with respect to the Award. The limits set forth in this Section 4(a) shall be construed to comply with Section 422. To the extent consistent with the requirements of Section 422 and with other applicable legal requirements (including applicable stock exchange requirements), Stock issued under awards of an acquired company that are converted, replaced, or adjusted in connection with the acquisition shall not reduce the number of shares available for Awards under the Plan.
- B. **<u>Type of Shares</u>**. Stock delivered by the Company under the Plan may be authorized but unissued Stock or previously issued Stock acquired by the Company. No fractional shares of Stock will be delivered under the Plan.

<u>Section 162(m) Limits</u>. The maximum number of shares of Stock for which Stock Options may be granted to any person in any calendar year and the maximum number of shares of Stock subject to SARs granted to any person in any calendar year will each be 200,000. The maximum number of shares subject to other Awards granted to any person in any calendar year will be 100,000 shares. The maximum amount payable to any person in any year under Cash Awards will be \$3,000,000. The foregoing provisions will be construed in a manner consistent with Section 162(m).

## V. ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

The Administrator will select Participants from among those key Employees and directors of, and consultants and advisors to, the Company or its Affiliates who, in the opinion of the Administrator, are in a position to make a significant contribution to the success of the Company and its Affiliates; *provided*, that,

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subject to such express exceptions, if any, as the Administrator may establish, eligibility shall be further limited to those persons as to whom the use of a Form S-8 registration statement is permissible. Eligibility for ISOs is limited to employees of the Company or of a parent corporation or subsidiary corporation of the Company as those terms are defined in Section 424 of the Code.

# VI. RULES APPLICABLE TO AWARDS

# A. All Awards

- 1. <u>Award Provisions</u>. The Administrator will determine the terms of all Awards, subject to the limitations provided herein. By accepting (or, under such rules as the Administrator may prescribe, being deemed to have accepted) an Award, the Participant agrees to the terms of the Award and the Plan. Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, awards of an acquired company that are converted, replaced or adjusted in connection with the acquisition may contain terms and conditions that are inconsistent with the terms and conditions specified herein, as determined by the Administrator.
- 2. <u>Term of Plan</u>. No Awards may be made after March 20, 2017, but previously granted Awards may continue beyond that date in accordance with their terms.
- 3. <u>**Transferability.**</u> Neither ISOs nor, except as the Administrator otherwise expressly provides in accordance with the second sentence of this Section 6(a)(3), other Awards may be transferred other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and during a Participant s lifetime ISOs (and, except as the Administrator otherwise expressly provides in accordance with the second sentence of this Section 6(a)(3), other Awards requiring exercise) may be exercised only by the Participant. The Administrator may permit Awards other than ISOs to be transferred by gift, subject to such limitations as the Administrator may impose.
- 4. <u>Vesting, Etc</u>. The Administrator may determine the time or times at which an Award will vest or become exercisable and the terms on which an Award requiring exercise will remain exercisable. Without limiting the foregoing, the Administrator may at any time accelerate the vesting or exercisability of an Award, regardless of any adverse or potentially adverse tax consequences resulting from such acceleration. Unless the Administrator expressly provides otherwise, however, the following rules will apply: immediately upon the cessation of the Participant s Employment, each Award requiring exercise that is then held by the Participant or by the Participant s permitted transferees, if any, will cease to be exercisable and will terminate, and all other Awards that are then held by the Participant or by the Participant or by the Participant s permitted transferees, if any, to the extent not already vested will be forfeited, except that:
  - a. subject to (B) and (C) below, all Stock Options and SARs held by the Participant or the Participant s permitted transferees, if any, immediately prior to the cessation of the Participant s Employment, to the extent then exercisable, will remain exercisable for the lesser of (i) a period of three months or (ii) the period ending on the latest date on which such Stock Option or SAR could have been exercised without regard to this Section 6(a)(4), and will thereupon terminate;
  - b. all Stock Options and SARs held by a Participant or the Participant s permitted transferees, if any, immediately prior to the Participant s death or termination from Employment by reason of Disability, to the extent then exercisable, will remain exercisable for the lesser of (i) the one year period ending with the first anniversary of the Participant s death or termination of Employment by

reason of Disability or (ii) the period ending on the latest date on which such Stock Option or SAR could have been exercised without regard to this Section 6(a)(4), and will thereupon terminate; and

c. all Stock Options and SARs held by a Participant or the Participant s permitted transferees, if any, immediately prior to the cessation of the Participant s Employment will immediately terminate upon such cessation if the Administrator in its sole discretion determines that

such cessation of Employment has resulted for reasons which cast such discredit on the Participant as to justify immediate termination of the Award.

- 5. **Taxes.** The Administrator will make such provision for the withholding of taxes as it deems necessary. The Administrator may, but need not, hold back shares of Stock from an Award or permit a Participant to tender previously owned shares of Stock in satisfaction of tax withholding requirements (but not in excess of the minimum withholding required by law).
- 6. **Dividend Equivalents, Etc.** The Administrator may provide for the payment of amounts in lieu of cash dividends or other cash distributions with respect to Stock subject to an Award. Any entitlement to dividend equivalents or similar entitlements shall be established and administered consistent either with exemption from, or compliance with, the requirements of Section 409A.
- 7. **<u>Rights Limited</u>**. Nothing in the Plan will be construed as giving any person the right to continued employment or service with the Company or its Affiliates, or any rights as a stockholder except as to shares of Stock actually issued under the Plan. The loss of existing or potential profit in Awards will not constitute an element of damages in the event of termination of Employment for any reason, even if the termination is in violation of an obligation of the Company or any Affiliate to the Participant.
- Section 162(m). This Section 6(a)(8) applies to any Performance Award intended to qualify as 8. performance-based for the purposes of Section 162(m) other than a Stock Option or SAR. In the case of any Performance Award to which this Section 6(a)(8) applies, the Plan and such Award will be construed to the maximum extent permitted by law in a manner consistent with qualifying the Award for such exception. With respect to such Performance Awards, the Administrator will preestablish, in writing, one or more specific Performance Criteria no later than 90 days after the commencement of the period of service to which the performance relates (or at such earlier time as is required to qualify the Award as performance-based under Section 162(m)). Prior to grant, vesting or payment of the Performance Award, as the case may be, the Administrator will certify whether the applicable Performance Criteria have been attained and such determination will be final and conclusive. No Performance Award to which this Section 6(a)(8) applies may be granted after the first meeting of the stockholders of the Company held in 2012 until the listed performance measures set forth in the definition of Performance Criteria (as originally approved or as subsequently amended) have been resubmitted to and reapproved by the stockholders of the Company in accordance with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code, unless such grant is made contingent upon such approval.
- 9. Coordination with Other Plans. Awards under the Plan may be granted in tandem with, or in satisfaction of or substitution for, other Awards under the Plan or awards made under other compensatory plans or programs of the Company or its Affiliates. For example, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, awards under other compensatory plans or programs of the Company or its Affiliates may be settled in Stock (including, without limitation, Unrestricted Stock) if the Administrator so determines, in which case the shares delivered shall be treated as awarded under the Plan (and shall reduce the number of shares thereafter available under the Plan in accordance with the rules set forth in Section 4). In any case where an award is made under another plan or program of the Company or its Affiliates and such award is intended to qualify for the performance-based compensation exception under Section 162(m), and such award is settled by the delivery of Stock or another Award under the Plan, the applicable Section 162(m) limitations under both the other plan or program and under the Plan shall be applied to the Plan as necessary (as determined by the Administrator) to preserve the availability of the Section 162(m) performance-based compensation exception with respect thereto.

- 10. <u>Section 409A</u>. Each Award shall contain such terms as the Administrator determines, and shall be construed and administered, such that the Award either (i) qualifies for an exemption from the requirements of Section 409A, or (ii) satisfies such requirements.
- 11. <u>Certain Requirements of Corporate Law</u>. Awards shall be granted and administered consistent with the requirements of applicable Delaware law (or the corporate law of the state that the Company shall be then incorporated in) relating to the issuance of stock and the consideration to be received therefor, and with the applicable requirements of the stock exchanges or other trading systems on which the Stock is listed or entered for trading, in each case as determined by the Administrator.

# B. Awards Requiring Exercise

- 1. <u>Time And Manner Of Exercise</u>. Unless the Administrator expressly provides otherwise, an Award requiring exercise by the holder will not be deemed to have been exercised until the Administrator receives a notice of exercise (in form acceptable to the Administrator) signed by the appropriate person and accompanied by any payment required under the Award. If the Award is exercised by any person other than the Participant, the Administrator may require satisfactory evidence that the person exercising the Award has the right to do so.
- 2. **Exercise Price.** The exercise price (or the base value from which appreciation is to be measured) of each Award requiring exercise shall be 100% (in the case of an ISO granted to a ten-percent stockholder within the meaning of subsection (b)(6) of Section 422, 110%) of the fair market value of the Stock subject to the Award, determined as of the date of grant on the basis of the closing price of the Stock on such date, or such higher amount as the Administrator may determine in connection with the grant. No such Award, once granted, may be repriced other than in accordance with the applicable stockholder approval requirements of Nasdaq. Fair market value shall be determined by the Administrator consistent with the applicable requirements of Section 422 and Section 409A.
- 3. **Payment Of Exercise Price.** Where the exercise of an Award is to be accompanied by payment, payment of the exercise price shall be by cash or check acceptable to the Administrator, or, if so permitted by the Administrator and if legally permissible, (i) through the delivery of shares of Stock that have been outstanding for at least six months (unless the Administrator approves a shorter period) and that have a fair market value equal to the exercise price, (ii) through a broker-assisted exercise program acceptable to the Administrator, (iii) by other means acceptable to the Administrator, or (iv) by any combination of the foregoing permissible forms of payment. The delivery of shares in payment of the exercise price under clause (i) above may be accomplished either by actual delivery or by constructive delivery through attestation of ownership, subject to such rules as the Administrator may prescribe.
- 4. **Maximum Term.** Awards requiring exercise will have a maximum term not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of grant.

#### VII. EFFECT OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS

A. Mergers, *etc.* Except as otherwise provided in an Award, the following provisions shall apply in the event of a Covered Transaction:

**Assumption or Substitution.** If the Covered Transaction is one in which there is an acquiring or surviving entity, the Administrator may provide for the assumption of some or all outstanding Awards or for the grant of new awards in substitution therefor by the acquiror or survivor or an affiliate of the acquiror or survivor.

2. <u>Cash-Out of Awards</u>. If the Covered Transaction is one in which holders of Stock will receive upon consummation a payment (whether cash, non-cash or a combination of the foregoing), the Administrator may provide for payment (a cash-out ), with respect to some or all Awards or any portion thereof, equal in the case of each affected Award or portion thereof to the excess, if any, of (A) the fair market value of one share of Stock (as determined by the Administrator in its reasonable discretion) times the number of shares of Stock subject to the

Award or such portion, over (B) the aggregate exercise or purchase price, if any, under the Award or such portion (in the case of an SAR, the aggregate base value above which appreciation is measured), in each case on such payment terms (which need not be the same as the terms of payment to holders of Stock) and other terms, and subject to such conditions, as the Administrator determines; *provided*, that the Administrator shall not exercise its discretion under this Section 7(a)(2) with respect to an Award or portion thereof providing for nonqualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A in a manner that would constitute an extension or acceleration of, or other change in, payment terms if such change would be inconsistent with the applicable requirements of Section 409A.

- 3. Acceleration of Certain Awards. If the Covered Transaction (whether or not there is an acquiring or surviving entity) is one in which there is no assumption, substitution or cash-out, each Award requiring exercise will become fully exercisable, and the delivery of any shares of Stock remaining deliverable under each outstanding Award of Stock Units (including Restricted Stock Units and Performance Awards to the extent consisting of Stock Units) will be accelerated and such shares will be delivered, prior to the Covered Transaction, in each case on a basis that gives the holder of the Award a reasonable opportunity, as determined by the Administrator, following exercise of the Award or the delivery of the shares, as the case may be, to participate as a stockholder in the Covered Transaction; provided, that to the extent acceleration pursuant to this Section 7(a)(3) of an Award subject to Section 409A would cause the Award to fail to satisfy the requirements of Section 409A, the Award shall not be accelerated and the Administrator in lieu thereof shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure that payment of the Award is made in a medium other than Stock and on terms that as nearly as possible, but taking into account adjustments required or permitted by this Section 7, replicate the prior terms of the Award.
- 4. <u>Termination of Awards Upon Consummation of Covered Transaction</u>. Each Award will terminate upon consummation of the Covered Transaction, other than the following: (i) Awards assumed pursuant to Section 7(a)(1) above; (ii) Awards converted pursuant to the proviso in Section 7(a)(3) above into an ongoing right to receive payment other than Stock; and (iii) outstanding shares of Restricted Stock (which shall be treated in the same manner as other shares of Stock, subject to Section 7(a)(5) below).
- 5. <u>Additional Limitations</u>. Any share of Stock and any cash or other property delivered pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) or Section 7(a)(3) above with respect to an Award may, in the discretion of the Administrator, contain such restrictions, if any, as the Administrator deems appropriate to reflect any performance or other vesting conditions to which the Award was subject and that did not lapse (and were not satisfied) in connection with the Covered Transaction. In the case of Restricted Stock that does not vest in connection with the Covered Transaction, the Administrator may require that any amounts delivered, exchanged or otherwise paid in respect of such Stock in connection with the Covered Transaction be placed in escrow or otherwise made subject to such restrictions as the Administrator deems appropriate to carry out the intent of the Plan.

#### B. Changes in and Distributions With Respect to Stock

1. **Basic Adjustment Provisions.** In the event of a stock dividend, stock split or combination of shares (including a reverse stock split), recapitalization or other change in the Company s capital structure, the Administrator shall make appropriate adjustments to the maximum number of shares specified in Section 4(a) that may be delivered under the Plan and to the maximum share limits described in Section 4(c), and shall also make appropriate adjustments to the number and kind of shares of stock or securities subject to Awards then outstanding or subsequently granted, any exercise prices relating to

Awards and any other provision of Awards affected by such change.

2. <u>Certain Other Adjustments</u>. The Administrator may also make adjustments of the type described in Section 7(b)(1) above to take into account distributions to stockholders other than

those provided for in Section 7(a) and 7(b)(1), or any other event, if the Administrator determines that adjustments are appropriate to avoid distortion in the operation of the Plan and to preserve the value of Awards made hereunder, having due regard for the qualification of ISOs under Section 422, the requirements of Section 409A, and for the performance-based compensation rules of Section 162(m), where applicable.

3. <u>Continuing Application of Plan Terms</u>. References in the Plan to shares of Stock will be construed to include any stock or securities resulting from an adjustment pursuant to this Section 7.

# VIII. LEGAL CONDITIONS ON DELIVERY OF STOCK

The Company will not be obligated to deliver any shares of Stock pursuant to the Plan or to remove any restriction from shares of Stock previously delivered under the Plan until: (i) the Company is satisfied that all legal matters in connection with the issuance and delivery of such shares have been addressed and resolved; (ii) if the outstanding Stock is at the time of delivery listed on any stock exchange or national market system, the shares to be delivered have been listed or authorized to be listed on such exchange or system upon official notice of issuance; and (iii) all conditions of the Award have been satisfied or waived. If the sale of Stock has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Company may require, as a condition to exercise of the Award, such representations or agreements as counsel for the Company may consider appropriate to avoid violation of such Act. The Company may require that certificates evidencing Stock issued under the Plan bear an appropriate legend reflecting any restriction on transfer applicable to such Stock, and the Company may hold the certificates pending lapse of the applicable restrictions.

## IX. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

The Administrator may at any time or times amend the Plan or any outstanding Award for any purpose which may at the time be permitted by law, and may at any time terminate the Plan as to any future grants of Awards; provided, that except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan the Administrator may not, without the Participant s consent, alter the terms of an Award so as to affect materially and adversely the Participant s rights under the Award, unless the Administrator expressly reserved the right to do so at the time of the Award. Any amendments to the Plan shall be conditioned upon stockholder approval only to the extent, if any, such approval is required by law (including the Code and applicable stock exchange requirements), as determined by the Administrator.

#### X. OTHER COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS

The existence of the Plan or the grant of any Award will not in any way affect the Company s right to Award a person bonuses or other compensation in addition to Awards under the Plan.

# XI. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. By accepting an Award under the Plan, each Participant waives any right to a trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim concerning any rights under the Plan and any Award, or under any amendment, waiver, consent, instrument, document or other agreement delivered or which in the future may be delivered in connection therewith, and agrees that any such action, proceedings or counterclaim shall be tried before a court and not before a jury. By accepting an Award under the Plan, each Participant certifies that no officer, representative, or attorney of the Company has represented, expressly or otherwise, that the Company would not, in the event of any action, proceeding or counterclaim, seek to enforce the foregoing waivers.

(b) <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, neither the Company, nor any Affiliate, nor the Administrator, nor any person acting on behalf of the Company, any Affiliate, or the Administrator, shall be liable to any Participant or to the estate or beneficiary of any Participant or to any other holder of an Award by reason of any acceleration of income, or any additional tax, asserted by reason of the failure of an Award to satisfy the requirements of Section 422 or Section 409A or by reason of Section 4999 of the Code; provided, that nothing in this Section 11(b) shall limit the ability of the Administrator or the Company to provide by separate express written agreement with a Participant for a gross-up payment or other payment in connection with any such tax or additional tax.

#### EXHIBIT A

#### **Definition of Terms**

The following terms, when used in the Plan, will have the meanings and be subject to the provisions set forth below:

**Administrator :** The Compensation Committee, except that the Compensation Committee may delegate (i) to one or more of its members such of its duties, powers and responsibilities as it may determine; (ii) to one or more officers of the Company the power to grant rights or options to the extent permitted by Section 157(c) of the Delaware General Corporation Law; and (iii) to such Employees or other persons as it determines such ministerial tasks as it deems appropriate. In the event of any delegation described in the preceding sentence, the term Administrator shall include the person or persons so delegated to the extent of such delegation.

**Affiliate :** Any corporation or other entity that stands in a relationship to the Company that would result in the Company and such corporation or other entity being treated as one employer under Section 414(b) and Section 414(c) of the Code, except that in determining eligibility for the grant of a Stock Option or SAR by reason of service for an Affiliate, Sections 414(b) and 414(c) of the Code shall be applied by substituting at least 50% for at least 80% under Section 1563(a)(1), (2) and (3) of the Code and Treas. Regs. § 1.414(c)-2; provided, that to the extent permitted under Section 409A, at least 20% shall be used in lieu of at least 50%; and further provided, that the lower ownership threshold described in this definition (50% or 20% as the case may be) shall apply only if the same definition of affiliation is used consistently with respect to all compensatory stock options or stock awards (whether under the Plan or another plan). The Company may at any time by amendment provide that different ownership thresholds (consistent with Section 409A) apply but any such change shall not be effective for twelve (12) months.

Award : Any or a combination of the following:

(i) Stock Options.

(ii) SARs.

(iii) Restricted Stock.

(iv) Unrestricted Stock.

(v) Stock Units, including Restricted Stock Units.

(vi) Performance Awards.

(vii) Cash Awards.

(viii) Awards (other than Awards described in (i) through (vii) above) that are convertible into or otherwise based on Stock.

**Board** : The Board of Directors of the Company.

Cash Award : An Award denominated in cash.

**Code** : The U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as from time to time amended and in effect, or any successor statute as from time to time in effect.

**Compensation Committee :** The Compensation Committee of the Board.

**Company** : Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.

**Covered Transaction :** Any of (i) a consolidation, merger, or similar transaction or series of related transactions, including a sale or other disposition of stock, in which the Company is not the surviving corporation or which results in the acquisition of all or substantially all of the Company s then outstanding common stock by a single person or entity or by a group of persons and/or entities acting in concert, (ii) a sale or transfer of all or substantially all the Company s assets, or (iii) a dissolution or liquidation of the

Company. Where a Covered Transaction involves a tender offer that is reasonably expected to be followed by a merger described in clause (i) (as determined by the Administrator), the Covered Transaction shall be deemed to have occurred upon consummation of the tender offer.

**Disability :** A Participant s qualification for long term disability benefits under the Company s long term disability plan.

Effective Date : The date on which the stockholders of the Company approve the Plan.

Employee : Any person who is employed by the Company or an Affiliate.

**Employment :** A Participant s employment or other service relationship with the Company and its Affiliates. Employment will be deemed to continue, unless the Administrator expressly provides otherwise, so long as the Participant is employed by, or otherwise is providing services in a capacity described in Section 5 to the Company or its Affiliates. If a Participant s employment or other service relationship is with an Affiliate and that entity ceases to be an Affiliate, the Participant s Employment will be deemed to have terminated when the entity ceases to be an Affiliate unless the Participant transfers Employment to the Company or its remaining Affiliates.

**ISO**: A Stock Option intended to be an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422. Each option granted pursuant to the Plan will be treated as providing by its terms that it is to be a non-incentive stock option unless, as of the date of grant, it is expressly designated as an ISO.

Participant : A person who is granted an Award under the Plan.

**Performance Award :** An Award subject to Performance Criteria. The Committee in its discretion may grant Performance Awards that are intended to qualify for the performance-based compensation exception under Section 162(m) and Performance Awards that are not intended so to qualify.

**Performance Criteria**: Specified criteria, other than the mere continuation of Employment or the mere passage of time, the satisfaction of which is a condition for the grant, exercisability, vesting or full enjoyment of an Award. For purposes of Awards that are intended to qualify for the performance-based compensation exception under Section 162(m), a Performance Criterion will mean an objectively determinable measure of performance relating to any or any combination of the following (measured either absolutely or by reference to an index or indices and determined either on a consolidated basis or, as the context permits, on a divisional, subsidiary, line of business, project or geographical basis or in combinations thereof): sales; revenues; assets; expenses; earnings before or after deduction for all or any portion of interest, taxes, depreciation, or amortization, whether or not on a continuing operations or an aggregate or per share basis (basic or fully diluted); return on equity, investment, capital or assets; one or more operating ratios such as earnings before interest, taxes, and/or depreciation and amortization; borrowing levels, leverage ratios or credit rating; market share; capital expenditures; cash flow; free cash flow, cash flow, return on investment (discounted or otherwise), net cash provided by operations, or cash flow in excess of cost of capital; stock price; stockholder return; sales of particular products or services; customer acquisition or retention; acquisitions and divestitures (in whole or in part); economic value added; strategic business criteria, consisting of one or more objectives based on meeting specific market penetration, geographic business expansion goals, facility construction or completion goals, geographic facility relocation or completion goals, cost targets, customer satisfaction, supervision of litigation or information technology; joint ventures and strategic alliances; spin-offs, split-ups and the like; reorganizations; or recapitalizations, restructurings, financings (issuance of debt or equity) or refinancings. A Performance Criterion and any targets with respect thereto determined by the Administrator need not be based upon an increase, a positive or improved result or avoidance of loss. To the extent consistent with the requirements for satisfying the performance-based compensation exception under Section 162(m), the Administrator may provide in

the case of any Award intended to qualify for such exception that one or more of the Performance Criteria applicable to such Award will be adjusted in an objectively determinable manner to reflect events (for example, but without limitation, acquisitions or dispositions) occurring during the performance period that affect the applicable Performance Criterion or Criteria.

Plan : The Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. 2007 Incentive Plan as from time to time amended and in effect.

Prior Plan : The Company s Amended and Restated 2004 Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan.

**Restricted Stock :** Stock subject to restrictions requiring that it be redelivered or offered for sale to the Company if specified conditions are not satisfied.

**Restricted Stock Unit** : A Stock Unit that is, or as to which the delivery of Stock or cash in lieu of Stock is, subject to the satisfaction of specified performance or other vesting conditions.

**SAR** : A right entitling the holder upon exercise to receive an amount (payable in cash or in shares of Stock of equivalent value) equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of Stock subject to the right over the base value from which appreciation under the SAR is to be measured.

Section 409A : Section 409A of the Code.

Section 422 : Section 422 of the Code.

Section 162(m) : Section 162(m) of the Code.

Stock : Common Stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share.

**Stock Option :** An option entitling the holder to acquire shares of Stock upon payment or satisfaction of the exercise price.

**Stock Unit** : An unfunded and unsecured promise, denominated in shares of Stock, to deliver Stock or cash measured by the value of Stock in the future.

**Unrestricted Stock :** Stock not subject to any restrictions under the terms of the Award.

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#### ATLAS AIR WORLDWIDE HOLDINGS, INC. 2000 Westchester Avenue, Purchase, New York 10577 Proxy for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders [] May 23, 2007 SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The undersigned appoints Michael L. Barna, Adam R. Kokas and Michael W. Borkowski, and each of them, with full power of substitution in each, as proxies and authorizes them to vote all shares of common stock that the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc., to be held at the offices of Ropes & Gray LLP, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, 38th Floor, New York, NY 10036 on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and at any adjournment or postponement of the meeting, as indicated below.

Please date, sign and return this proxy promptly. This Proxy, when properly executed and returned, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned stockholder. If no direction is given, this Proxy will be voted **FOR** the election as directors of all of the nominees listed on the reverse side and **FOR** the approval of the 2007 Incentive Plan. The undersigned authorizes the Proxies to vote, in their discretion, upon any other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

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The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** election as directors of the persons named in proposal 1 and **FOR** the approval of the 2007 Incentive Plan for Senior Executives as set forth in proposal 2.

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