



# Government, the Airline Industry and the Flying Public: A New Way of Doing Business

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### A new business model?

- Some believe that JetBlue success is attributable to:
  - JetBlue does not pay for aircraft
  - JetBlue does not pay for maintenance
  - Pay and benefits at JetBlue are extremely low
- Others say it is based on:
  - LiveTV
  - High Percentage of Internet sales





## **JETBLUE**

PEOPLE,
LEADERSHIP,
And
THE FUTURE





### JetBlue Values

- Replaces traditional Mission Statement
- Recruit to the Values
- Value-based Decision Making
  - Allows guidelines to replace hard policies
  - Gives crewmember responsibility for thinking about their decision
  - Make the best decision given the circumstances





## JetBlue Values

- SAFETY
- CARING
- INTEGRITY
  - FUN
  - PASSION





### JetBlue Values

- No "employees", all Crewmembers
  - Regardless of discipline: i.e. Finance Crew, Reservations Crew, etc.
- No "passengers", all Customers
  - Internal and External
- No "vendors", all Business Partners
  - Including airports, government agencies
- No "Human Resources", People Department
- Controlled growth





#### Education

- Training consolidated in JetBlue University
- Collaboration with NYU for all instructor certification in adult education
- Cross-discipline education for crewmembers
- Strong Business education for all crewmembers
  - Need to understand metrics, RASM, CASM, yield, etc.
- Company Resource Management (CRM)
  - Across all disciplines





## Principles of Leadership

- Result of 2001 "Speak Up Survey"
- Keep the company small as we grow
- All supervisors and above including Captains
- Performance feedback to pilots other than technical flight information
- All leaders on the same page





## Principles of Leadership

- TREAT YOUR PEOPLE RIGHT
  - DO THE RIGHT THING
- COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR TEAM
  - ENCOURAGE INITIATIVE AND INNOVATION
  - INSPIRE GREATNESS IN OTHERS





### Collaboration

- Seeking best industry practices
  - Approx 1000 reservations agents (all working at home)
  - Internet sales only on our website we have responsibility for our customers
- Working with FAA, NTSB and other agencies
  - Using low altitudes to upstate New York and Vermont
  - Offshore routes around Washington Center airspace
  - Equipping the aircraft with extra safety equipment





## **Productivity**

- Base plus Premium compensation for pilots and flight attendants
- Preferential Bidding for flight crewmembers
  - Average 83.5 hr credit month pilots fly 70 hard hours
- Aircraft average over 14 hours per day
- Pilot laptops eliminate paper manuals, bid packages, weight/balance planning/performance





#### **Communications**

- Crewmember communication highest priority among senior officers
  - Attend orientations and recurrent training sessions
  - Teaching in Principles of Leadership classes
- Each officer has responsibility for one city
  - The Leadership Connection (TLC)
- Communication sessions based on "Three P's"
  - People, Performance, Prosperity





## A New Way of Doing Business?

- JetBlue is faced with many of the same challenges as other airlines
  - Capacity constraints, fuel, security
- Preparations for the Embraer E-190
- Success in handling these is based on Customer Satisfaction internal and external
- It is a "different" way of doing business in this industry





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