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**From:** Salina Manager [slnmgr@mail.flygreatlakes.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 2:40 PM  
**To:** EAS (OST)  
**Subject:** RE:Great Lakes In Salina

DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

Dear Sir,

My name is Sean Francis I am the Salina station Manager for Great Lakes Airlines in Salina. I was looking at the bids for EAS for the next 2 years and my concern is Security. With Sea Port we take all pax to an FBO and they will land at an FBO in Kansas City this is nice for passengers but they still need to check in again in Kansas City which isn't a problem for most pax except they now need to check in again and go through security.

Great Lakes has some problems with on time percentages, but with the new bid Great Lakes is thinking of having 3 flights a day to Denver and making Salina the starting point so our on-time would improve greatly. By pulling out of Kansas City this would free up more planes and make flying out of Salina more affordable. Denver is a bigger hub and more accessible for pax traveling out of Salina and make it easier for business people to make plans in Denver. Many of our passengers who do fly out of Salina go to Kansas City and on to Denver on United or Frontier. When we first started operation in Salina with Great Lakes we had a 8:00am flight to Denver and we were putting on 8-10 passengers a flight. Than Great Lakes changed that flight to 1:00pm and it really hurt our numbers.

With all the security issues in America I would rather have TSA checking all bags and passengers as they fly knowing that once in the air I can feel more secure about our passengers flying on our airline. Even with the problems Great lakes has had keep in mind they took over most of Air Midwest citys when the pulled out of here and it can be overwhelming for any airline to jump in to so many citys at once I still have faith in our Airline and hope they are awarded the bid for 2 more years.

Your truly  
Sean Francis/SLN