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### Alaska Air Group, Inc.

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Under new Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual stockholders meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

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#### Alaska Air Group's Stockholder Meeting Notice

Alaska Air Group's Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on May 15, 2012, at the Museum of Flight — 9404 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, WA, at 2 p.m. Pacific Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all the nominees listed, a vote FOR Proposals 2 and 3, and a vote AGAINST Proposal 4.

1.	Election of Nominees for the Board of Directors				
	Nominees:				
	01. William S. Ayer	02. Patricia M. Bedient	03. Marion C. Blakey	04. Phyllis J. Campbell	05. Jessie J. Knight, Jr.
	06. R. Marc Langland	07. Dennis F. Madsen	08. Byron I. Mallott	09. J. Kenneth Thompson	10. Bradley D. Tilden

- 2. Ratification of Appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's Independent Accountants
- 3. Advisory Vote to Approve Named Executive Officer Compensation.
- 4. Stockholder Proposal Regarding Retention of Company Stock by Executives

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#### Directions to the Alaska Air Group, Inc. 2012 Annual Stockholders Meeting

The Museum of Flight is located south of downtown Seattle, at the south end of Boeing Field/King County Airport; take Exit 158 off Interstate 5.



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