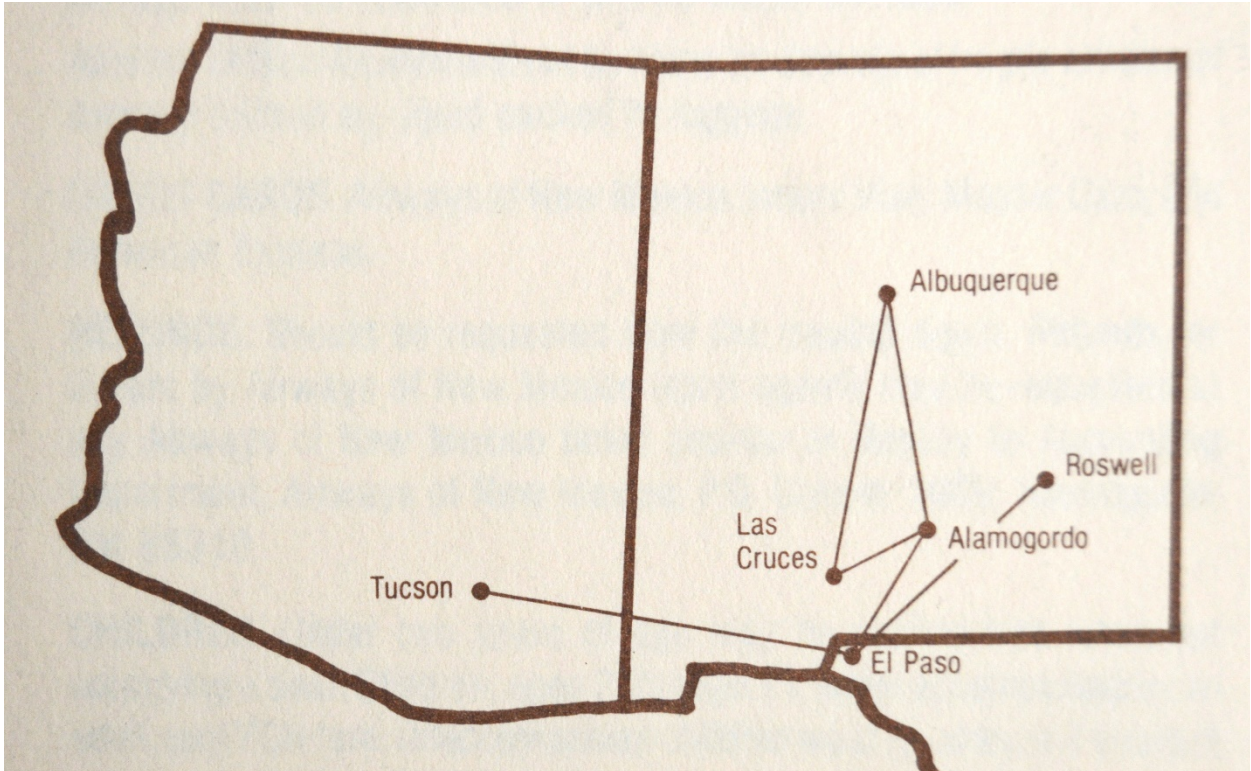


## Airways of New Mexico

Airways of New Mexico was a commuter airline based in Alamogordo, New Mexico that began operations in October, 1977. The carrier operated Piper Navajo Chieftain aircraft on a route from Alamogordo to El Paso, Texas. Service to Ruidoso, New Mexico was operated in 1978 through 1979 with a flight to Alamogordo continuing onto El Paso. After the collapse of Zia Airlines in May, 1980, Airways of New Mexico applied for the government subsidized Essential Air Service (EAS) contracts to serve both Alamogordo and Silver City from Albuquerque but the contracts were awarded to Air Midwest. Service from Silver City to El Paso was briefly operated in mid-1980 using a Piper Cherokee to show the carriers willingness to serve the route. A shuttle service between El Paso and Las Cruces was then operated in early 1981 but only ran for a few months as well. Air Midwest discontinued its Alamogordo service just over a year later and Airways of New Mexico was able to secure the EAS contract for flights from Alamogordo to Albuquerque. Service to Las Cruces was reinstated at that time with flights to Albuquerque that were later wrapped in with the Alamogordo to Albuquerque flights. Cessna 402 aircraft were acquired for these routes. Airways of New Mexico expanded from El Paso to Roswell, New Mexico and Tucson, Arizona in late 1983 and had planned to add a larger Beechcraft 99 on its new Tucson flights as well as some El Paso to Alamogordo flights but the new aircraft never came to be. The carrier ceased operating on March 30, 1985 after its F.A.A. certificate was withdrawn.



Airways of New Mexico Piper Navajo.



Airways of New Mexico route map from 1984.

