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## NEW YORK AVIATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS ANNOUNCEMENT OF \$20.5 MILLION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT AIRPORTS ACROSS NEW YORK

Albany, NY: The New York Aviation Management Association (NYAMA) commended Governor Andrew Cuomo on his announcement of more than \$20 million in funding for 29 airport projects across the Empire State.

“It’s a great day for aviation and the New York economy, because these investments that we’re making in our airports today will ensure a vibrant and vital future for New York’s aviation industry,” said NYAMA President Lee Weitz, who is also Deputy Director of Aviation for the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority. “NYAMA is proud of the work that we do for the state, and we’re thrilled that our governor and Legislature recognize the importance of investing in an industry that we have championed for decades.

“It’s especially encouraging that our governor appreciates how our airports play a key role in attracting new businesses and visitors to New York,” Weitz added. “We wholeheartedly agree with him that modernizing our airports and transforming them into state-of-the-art transit hubs will keep New York competitive in today’s global economy.”

Weitz noted that the aviation industry contributes over **\$72 billion in annual economic activity** in New York State, and supports more than **500,000 NY-based jobs in aviation and its related industries**. The economic benefits of New York State airports are impressive. The industry also generates **\$25 billion in annual wages** and well over **\$6 billion in annual state and local tax revenue annually**.

Governor Cuomo’s announcement of \$20.5 million in funding for nearly 30 airport projects statewide comes under the Aviation Capital Grant Program. This state-funded program supports strategic investments at public-use airports across New York to ensure safety, modernize aviation-related facilities, leverage private investment, and sustain and create well-paying aeronautical-related jobs.

A press release issued by the governor’s office included the following list of public-use airports and the funding they received:

### Capital Region: \$2.6 million

- \$249,723 to Columbia County Airport for Demolition of Farm Structures/Obstructions.
- \$1,485,000 to Schenectady County Airport to Construct Business Aviation Complex.
- \$864,000 to South Albany Airport for Hangar Construction and Security Improvements.

### Central New York: \$1.1 million

- \$1,080,000 to Oswego County Airport for Terminal Building Construction.

**Finger Lakes: \$5 million**

- \$1,485,000 to Canandaigua Airport to Construct General Aviation Terminal Building.
- \$662,474 to Finger Lakes Regional to Construct New Jet-A Fuel Farm.
- \$356,250 to Genesee County Airport to Purchase Ground Service Equipment.
- \$972,325 to Ledgesdale Airport for Airfield Lighting Improvements and Runway Markings.
- \$421,200 to Penn Yan-Yates County Airport for Airport Sanitary Sewer Extension.
- \$1,068,400 to Williamson-Sodus Airport to Construct 18 Unit T-Hangar.

**Long Island: \$2 million**

- \$995,000 to Francis S. Gabreski Airport for New Air Traffic Control Tower.
- \$960,000 to Long Island MacArthur Airport to Purchase 800 KW Diesel-Power Generator.
- \$54,722 to Brookhaven-Calabro Airport to Purchase a Crack-Sealing Machine.

**Mid-Hudson Valley: \$1.9 million**

- \$1,307,646 to Orange County Airport for New Corporate Bulk Hangar.
- \$485,100 to Sullivan County International Airport to Replace Fuel Farm.
- \$70,470 to Hudson Valley Regional Airport to Purchase a Maintenance Vehicle.

**Mohawk Valley: \$1.5 million**

- \$27,000 to Fulton County Airport for Airport Sign Replacement Project.
- \$1,500,000 to Griffiss International Airport to Convert Hangar for Community College Aviation School.

**North Country: \$3 million**

- \$270,000 to Adirondack Regional Airport to Rehabilitate Town Hangar.
- \$893,700 to Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport to Construct Two New 10 Bay T-Hangars.
- \$180,000 to Massena International Airport to Purchase Fuel Truck.
- \$154,800 to Potsdam Municipal Airport to Acquire Multi-Purpose Airport Maintenance Equipment.
- \$1,500,000 to Watertown International Airport to Construct a New Hangar for Air Ambulance Services.

**Southern Tier: \$500,000**

- \$448,200 to Corning-Painted Post Airport to Construct Helicopter Maintenance and Storage Hangar.

**Western New York: \$3 million**

- \$1,500,000 to Buffalo Niagara International Airport for Security Checkpoint Expansion Project.
- \$271,800 to Chautauqua County/Jamestown Airport for Replacement of a Bulk Hangar Door.
- \$507,246 to Niagara Falls International Airport for a Security Fencing Project.
- \$257,365 to Wellsville Municipal Airport for Snow Removal Equipment Acquisition.
- \$466,620 to Chautauqua County/Dunkirk Airport to Demolish an Existing Bulk Hangar and Construct a Public Safety Hangar.

*The 13,000 people represented by our members and affiliate members include airport managers and representatives from over 120 of the commercial and general aviation airports in the state. Through advocacy, education, communications and business services, NYAMA supports New York's airports and the businesses and communities that rely upon them.*

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