

## Ogdensburg Airport Project Lauded by State Aviation Association

OGDENSBURG — A year after its completion, the \$26 million expansion project at the Ogdensburg International Airport is again being lauded, this time by state aviation officials, according to the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, which operates the facility.

In a press release, Bridge and Port Authority officials said the airport's recent \$26 million runway and terminal upgrade project has been awarded the honor of "project of the year" by the New York Aviation Association.

The New York Aviation Management Association is a nonprofit association of airport management officials and related state government agencies, planning boards and other aviation officials, according to the organization's website.

The engineering company overseeing much of the Ogdensburg project, which included lengthening the runway by 4,000 feet and building a new terminal building, was engineering, planning and consulting firm McFarland Johnson. A senior vice president for the company said this week that it is an honor to be recognized for work on the project and that the success of the \$26 million expansion reflects a joint effort between several entities, including the OBPA.

"This is a project that everyone involved can be proud of," said Chad Nixon in a statement. "MJ [McFarland Johnson] and our partner Fennick McCredie Architecture worked closely with the airport and the OBPA to develop a terminal that fit the needs of the north country, including a beautiful, efficient and fully functional space that welcomes visitors to the Thousand Islands region."

Each year, the state's aviation management association designates a project as the winner of the Phil Brito Memorial Project of the Year. Often referred to simply as the aviation association's "project of the year," this year's selection of the Ogdensburg airport is a notable honor, according to OBPA director Wade A. Davis.

"It is an honor that the Ogdensburg International Airport was selected as the statewide project of the year," Mr. Davis said. "For the airport to be recognized as the project of the year for the state is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire team that made this possible; from the elected and agency officials that made the funding possible, the authority's board of directors and staff, the engineer, the designer, the contractors and the individual men and women who worked on the airport expansion project."

Allegiant Air operates direct flights to and from points in Florida out of the Ogdensburg airport. Since offering the flights beginning in October of 2016, the service has proved popular with Canadian travelers in the greater Ottawa area.

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