

According to a
**Department of Employment
and Economic Development**
study, Northern Minnesota's
international airport
SUPPORTS 4,434 JOBS
and generates
**\$1.3 BILLION IN
ANNUAL ECONOMIC
IMPACT.**

But several factors could
JEOPARDIZE
one of the state's largest
ECONOMIC ENGINES.

**That's why
WE NEED THE STATE OF
MINNESOTA'S SUPPORT
during the 2009
Legislative Session.**

The Duluth Airport Authority and the
people of Northern Minnesota thank
you for your support of the region's
economy and security.

For additional information, please visit
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Thank you.

THE FAA IS ON BOARD.
SO IS HOMELAND
SECURITY.
**BUT WE CAN'T TAKE
OFF WITHOUT THE
STATE IN 2009.**



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- Post-9/11 Department of Homeland Security and FAA requirements necessitate building a new terminal to replace Duluth's 35-year-old facility.
- The urgency is such that the FAA has already provided \$1.7 million for initial terminal designs.
- We already have federal and local funding commitments for 60% of the project, but a State funding commitment is needed before additional federal dollars will be allocated.

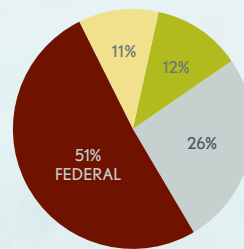


WHY WE'RE REQUESTING **\$4.9 MILLION** FROM THE STATE IN **2009**

- Building a new, LEED-certified terminal will create more than 200 union construction jobs for two years. Throughout all aspects of construction, the airport will remain fully operational.
- Cuts to the Airports Trust Fund in 2008 eliminated \$3.8 million in funding slated to leverage additional federal dollars for this and other important aviation infrastructure projects in Duluth.
- The Duluth airport is a critical hub for economic development and travel in Northeastern Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin.
- A new terminal will help attract additional airline competition, reducing fares for travelers.
- Enhancements will further strengthen the efforts of Cirrus Design, the 148th Fighter Wing, Northstar Aerospace, Monaco Air, Lake Superior College's Minnesota Center for Advanced Aviation and others.

SPECIFICS ON THE PROJECT AND FUNDING

The \$65 million project will include a new passenger terminal, aircraft apron, entrance roadway and vehicle parking areas. To date, 60% of funding – \$38.8 million – has been committed.



PROJECTED FUNDING SOURCES

- Federal - \$33.5 Million
- State Bonding - \$16.6 Million (\$4.9 M in 2009) (\$11.7 M in 2010)
- Duluth Airport Authority - \$7.8 Million
- Airports Trust Fund - \$7 Million

WE'RE READY TO GO.
WITH STATE SUPPORT, CONSTRUCTION
CAN BEGIN IN 3RD QUARTER 2009.