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2008 Military Airport Program (MAP) Selections

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will provide funding in fiscal year 2008 to seven new airports to help them convert from military to civilian or joint use as part of the Military Airport Program (MAP). The participants are Roosevelt Roads International Airport, Ceiba, PR; Griffiss Airpark, Oneida County, NY; Okaloosa Regional Airport, Valparaiso, FL; Phoenix - Mesa Gateway Airport, Mesa, AZ; Chippewa County International, Sault Ste Marie, MI; March Inland Port, Riverside, CA; and A.B. Won Pat International, Agana, GU. The newly selected airports will join eight other airports already participating in the program.

The FAA has selected one new airport for designation this year, Roosevelt Roads International in Ceiba, PR. The remaining six airports selected this year have participated in the program before and remain committed to ensuring that their airports can operate as civilian or joint military-civilian use facilities.

The FAA will provide approximately \$28.8 million in MAP funding set aside in fiscal year 2008 to all 15 MAP airports.

Additional information on the seven new MAP selections is listed below:

Roosevelt Roads International Airport (RRIA) - Ceiba, Puerto Rico, will receive MAP funds over five years to rehabilitate the airfield electrical vault, install new airfield electrical utilities, signage, and pavement markings on runway 7/25. Other projects include the demolition of the old fueling facilities, construction of a new fuel farm, and demolition and replacement of the existing aircraft rescue and firefighting facility. These improvements will bring the airport to current civil design standards. RRIA is initially being designated as a general aviation reliever for Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in San Juan. However, the Puerto Rico Ports Authority has committed to closing the Diego Jimenez Torres Airport, a commercial service airport, in Fajardo and relocating all of its operations to RRIA. It is anticipated RRIA will be a commercial service airport within 3 years.

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Griffiss Airpark (RME) – Oneida County, NY, will participate in the program and will receive MAP funds over three years to continue its upgrade of the taxiway lighting and hangars. The airport also plans to rehabilitate existing hangars and construct new hangars to replace those lost with the closing of the old Oneida County Airport. These improvements along with those already completed will bring the airport to current civil design standards.

Okaloosa Regional Airport (VPS) – Valparaiso, FL, will receive MAP funds over three years to complete the cargo terminal facility and expand the existing passenger terminal.

Phoenix - Mesa Gateway Airport (IWA) – Mesa, AZ, will participate in the program for an additional year and will receive MAP funds to complete a parking lot rehabilitation project that was not completed in the last application.

March Inland Port (RIV) – Riverside, CA, will receive MAP funds over four years to continue construction of facilities and infrastructure to allow the joint use of the airfield with the Air Force Reserve. The last phase of a fuel farm project will be constructed along with general aviation apron, taxiways, and cargo apron and taxiway lights.

Chippewa County International (CIU) – Sault Ste Marie, MI, will receive funds for a second five-year term to rehabilitate and convert former military hangars for civilian use.

A.B. Won Pat International Airport (GUM – Agana, GU, will participate for a fourth five-year term to complete projects previously started under the MAP.. The projects will include the demolition of the existing base housing that will allow the North cargo area project to be completed.

Background

The MAP uses federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding to boost civilian aviation capacity by upgrading former military airports. With the need to increase capacity in the civilian aviation system as quickly and economically as possible, it makes sense to take advantage of these former military airports.

Since 1990, the FAA has provided airport sponsors approximately \$532 million for a variety of projects such as building or rehabilitating surface parking lots, fuel farms, hangars, utility systems, access roads, and cargo buildings. Many of these projects are not normally eligible for AIP funding, but projects for MAP-designated airports have unique eligibility rules to convert the airports to civilian or joint use.

A total of 15 airports are in the program and may receive financial assistance for up to five years. Airports already participating in the program include: Waynesville Regional Airport, Waynesville, MO; Plattsburgh International Airport, Plattsburgh, NY; Cecil Field, Jacksonville, FL; Sawyer International Airport, Marquette, MI;; Stewart International, Newburgh, NY; Portsmouth International Airport, Pease, NH; Sacramento Mather, Sacramento, CA; and San Bernardino International, San Bernardino, CA.