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BROOKS ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF STATE-WIDE AIRPORT ECONOMIC IMPACT BENEFITS STUDY

State Report Shows GRIA's Total Economic Impact Nearly Doubles Since 2003

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced the results of the New York State Airport Economic Impact Benefit Study, which solidifies the Greater Rochester International Airport's (GRIA) reputation as an engine for local and regional economic growth in Monroe County.

A study conducted by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) found that GRIA creates and sustains nearly 10,000 jobs, generates \$295 million in income, and contributes over \$800 million into our local economy each year. The report also highlighted that GRIA generates a greater total annual economic impact than both Albany International Airport and Syracuse Hancock International Airport.

"This encouraging report from the State Department of Transportation confirms something that residents and employers across Monroe County have known all along – The Greater Rochester International Airport is an invaluable asset when it comes to creating and sustaining local jobs and providing a competitive edge for our local business community," said **Brooks**. *"In today's global economy, it is vitally important that our Airport provides connections to world-wide markets, allowing businesses to grow and thrive right here in our community. With strong assets like the Greater Rochester International Airport leading the way, I am confident that our local economy will continue moving forward on the path to prosperity by leaps and bounds in the days to come."*

Compared to all 18 commercial airports in New York State, including John F. Kennedy International Airport and LaGuardia Airport, the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA) ranked 4th overall in total jobs supported; 6th overall in annual earnings; and 5th overall in total annual economic activity. Although air cargo tonnage was down across the State from 2008 to 2009, GRIA fared better than all New York airports in this regard. GRIA's tonnage declined by only 5.7%, while total State air cargo activity declined by 25% over the same span.

These results were released as part of a yearlong Economic Benefits Study conducted by NYSDOT and funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The economic impact of all airports in New York State was measured through surveys that identified value added and financial contributions to local economies.

In addition to workers directly employed by the eight airlines that service GRIA, the Airport also supports employees of car rental agencies, concessionaires, corporate flight departments, the TSA, an on-site hotel, air freight operations, Fixed Base Operators, aircraft maintenance and fuel sales personnel, the FAA, US Customs & Border Patrol, airport management, and the New York Army National Guard.

This statewide study was last conducted in 2003. At that time, GRIA was responsible for creating and sustaining 8,440 jobs, generating nearly \$200 million in income, and contributing \$484 million into the local economy.

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