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BROOKS ANNOUNCES GREATER ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WINS COVETED AWARD

GRIA Receives National Recognition for Outstanding Performance

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** announced that the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA) was honored in Buffalo today at the 44th Annual International Aviation Snow Symposium. The Balchen/Post Award was given by the Northeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) in recognition of the airport's outstanding performance in snow and ice control.

*"The Balchen/Post recognition awarded to the Greater Rochester International Airport is a true testament to the level of dedication and professionalism demonstrated by its staff day in and day out," said **Brooks**. "Given the important role that the airport's snow crews play in maintaining the flying public's safety, they couldn't be more deserving of our gratitude. Furthermore, because our area experiences winter weather for a significant part of the year, these employees help the airport to continue contributing to our local economy even under the worst of conditions."*

The Balchen/Post Awards are presented annually by the AAAE to the "snow crews" of airports in the Snow Belt region for their dedicated efforts in maintaining safe and operational conditions during the winter season. This year's award recipients are: Small Commercial (Less than 100,000 operations per year), Greater Rochester International Airport, Rochester NY; Medium Commercial (100,000 to 200,000 operations per year), Pittsburgh International Airport, Pittsburgh, PA; and Large Commercial (Over 200,000 operations per year), Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, IL.

Applications for the awards are submitted by an airport's local work force and are accompanied by recommendations from travelers, airlines, pilots, general aviation professionals, and others. All categories of airports (commercial, general aviation and military) throughout the United States and Canada compete for the awards.

This is the fourth time that the GRIA has been selected as a winner. In the 28 years that the awards have been presented, GRIA has been a prior recipient in 1997-98, 1998-99, and 2003-04.

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