



## DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER REPLACEMENT

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A new air traffic control facility is critical to safety and sustained growth of air commerce and aviation services in our region.



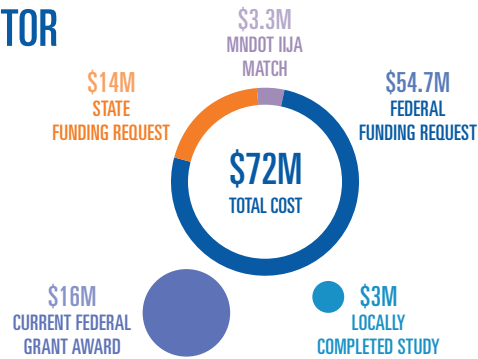
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## GROWING OUR AVIATION SECTOR

Over \$157 million in infrastructure investments have been completed in the past 13 years, with plans to invest another \$190 million over the next decade.

The Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act offers a unique funding opportunity for this project, covering 95% of eligible construction costs (~\$58M).



### The time to secure this critical funding is now.

The Duluth Airport Authority is requesting \$14 million from the state legislature to fund non-federally eligible work scope items. The state's investment will help secure funding that would not otherwise come to Minnesota.

Thank you for supporting growth, progress and the future of DLH.



**Tom Werner**

*Executive Director, Duluth Airport Authority*

## INVESTING TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

The Duluth International Airport (DLH) provides a vital service to the region with commercial passenger service, cargo, medical, flight training, research and development, and military flights. This unique mix contributes to the region's economy and provides over 6,200 high-quality, family-sustaining jobs to our area.



DLH contributes **\$760.6 million** to the region annually



### Time is of the essence

There's just one year left to receive funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Supports **6,230 jobs** (direct, indirect, and induced)



DLH provides **87,000 operations per year and growing**



## AGING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITIES

The Air Traffic Control Tower has served DLH for over 70 years, and has reached end of its useful life. The ATCT is deteriorating and does not meet FAA design standards for line-of-sight, height, and size. It also experiences problems with water infiltration, communications, power and HVAC.



**70**  
Years Old



**3rd**  
Oldest ATCT in the country



**Serves:**

Cirrus  
Monaco Air  
Lake Superior College  
148th Fighter Wing

Delta Airlines  
United Airlines  
Sun Country Airlines  
Lake Superior Helicopters



## THE PROPOSED SOLUTION

It's never been more important to replace aging infrastructure. As demand for air travel in the region increases, safety, security, and improved capacity is of the utmost importance. The proposed new ATCT will prioritize airfield safety and security for all employees and travelers by:

- Doubling the height of the existing tower
- Providing adequate working conditions for air traffic controllers
- Meeting ADA compliance standards
- Upgrading HVAC systems
- Improving insulation, windows, and doors
- Enhancing energy efficiency by complying with B3 standards and LEED certification

## DULUTH APPROACH CONTROL

Duluth Approach Control at Duluth International Airport (DLH) manages safe and efficient traffic flow in and out of the airspace by assisting aircraft transitioning from high-altitude en-route services to local control or airport advisory frequencies at a non-towered airport.

Approach controllers at DLH ensure flights maintain assigned routes and altitudes during descent and coordinate arrivals and departures for safe spacing. This team manages over 7,000 square miles of airspace, supporting:

- Commercial air carrier flights
  - Range Regional Airport (HIB)
  - Falls International Airport (INL)
- Military aircraft operations
  - U.S. Air Force Reserve
  - Minnesota Air National Guard

## FAA TECHNICAL OPERATIONS AND NAVAIDS

The FAA's Technical Operations team at DLH is essential for maintaining the national airspace system. They manage federal equipment at 14 airports and 40+ navigational aids (NAVAIDS) that assist pilots, particularly in low-visibility conditions.

### Essential Services Provided

- Supports facilities at 10 locations in Minnesota
  - Includes 3 commercial service airports
- Supports 5 locations in Wisconsin

### Oversight Responsibilities

- Manages non-federal NAVAIDS
- Oversees weather systems in the region



# REGIONWIDE ATC SERVICES



The ATCT at DLH is critical for managing air traffic, commercial service flights, and FAA Technical Operations facilities throughout northern Minnesota and Wisconsin.

