



**DULUTH
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT**

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER REPLACEMENT

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

The current air traffic control facility is the third oldest in the nation. The time to fully fund this project is now.

GROWING OUR AVIATION SECTOR

Over \$188 million in infrastructure investments have been completed in the past 14 years, with plans to invest another \$158 million over the next decade. The Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act offers a unique funding opportunity for this project, funding up to 95% of eligible construction costs. Through the IIJA, a highly competitive grant program was created to fund the replacement of locally owned air traffic facilities, like the one located at DLH. This is the final year to access these federal dollars, and state support is essential to cover the ineligible costs.



THE TIME TO SECURE THIS CRITICAL FUNDING IS NOW.

The Duluth Airport Authority is requesting \$4 million from the state legislature to fund federally ineligible and unfunded work scope items. This investment will help secure federal funding that would not otherwise come to Minnesota.

THE SOLUTION

Replacing this outdated facility is essential to maintain safe and efficient operations and support future demand. The new ATCT will enhance airfield safety and security for all employees and travelers by:

- Doubling the height and size of the existing tower cab
- Meeting FAA design standards for line of site, height, and proximity to the airfield
- Meeting ADA compliance requirements
- Relocating the facility to the optimal location on the airfield
- Advancing energy efficiency by complying with B3 standards and LEED certification

THIS \$72M PROJECT

IS 75% FUNDED,

AND 100%
DESIGNED.

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INVESTING TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

The Duluth International Airport (DLH) serves as a regional hub for commercial passenger service, cargo operations, medical flights, flight training, research and development, and military operations. This diverse mix strengthens our region's economy and supports more than 4,000 high quality, family sustaining jobs in our region.



DLH provides
87,000+
operations
per year and
continues to grow



DLH
contributes
\$1.4 B to
the region
annually



DLH supports
4,000+
jobs (direct,
indirect, and
induced)

AGING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE

The ATCT located at DLH is over 70 years old and beyond its useful life. It does not meet FAA design standards for line-of-sight, height, size or location on the airfield and is significantly deteriorating, facing ongoing issues.

SERVES:

- MNANG 148th Fighter Wing
- Vantage Aviation
- Cirrus
- Lake Superior College
- Commercial Service Airlines
- Lake Superior Helicopters



REGIONAL ATC IMPACTS

DLH provides 24-hour air traffic control services ensuring safe aircraft operations across more than 7,000 square miles of regional airspace.

FAA TECHNICAL OPERATIONS AND NAVAIDS

The FAA's Technical Operations team at DLH is essential for maintaining the national airspace system. They maintain critical infrastructure at 15 airports across MN and WI, and manage 40+ navigational aids (NAVAIDS) that assist pilots.