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**PLATTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AWARDED FOUR
ADDITIONAL YEARS OF SPECIAL FUNDING!**

Plattsburgh International Airport has announced its approval for four additional years of funding under a special federal grant program for former military bases. With this approval, Plattsburgh qualifies for an estimated **\$15 million** (U.S.) over the next four years from the Military Airports Program (MAP), a special fund of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration for those former Air Force facilities deemed as having the greatest potential for successful conversion to civilian airports.

Plattsburgh International was first accepted into the MAP program five years ago, bringing more than \$20 million (U.S.) in grants for infrastructure, including the recently opened passenger terminal. The additional funding now in the pipeline will allow the airport to proceed with further infrastructure work over the next four years, including the conversion of additional Air Force hangars for new tenant use.

Plattsburgh International has been created from the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base and is considered one of the top redevelopment success stories among air force bases closed in the 1990's. Already an active and profitable aerospace park and industrial airport, employing more people than when the U.S. Air Force was there, Plattsburgh has recently dedicated a major new passenger terminal and will begin to host passenger services by late June.

Plattsburgh continues to enjoy strong support from its representatives in Washington, including U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton and Congressman John McHugh, and has received more than \$80 million (U.S.) in federal investment to redevelop its facilities. An additional \$40 million (U.S.) has been provided by New York State. The airport is currently profitable and debt free, allowing competitive leases and terms, and has also been designated a Foreign Trade Zone by the U.S. government and an Empire Zone by New York State, bringing some of the strongest tax and development incentives available anywhere in North America.

It has positioned itself to serve as "**MONTREAL'S U.S. AIRPORT**", offering aviation industrial space and air service on the U.S. side of the border. For more information, visit www.flyplattsburgh.com.