

*Washington, DC* - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that he helped secure \$582,920 in federal funds for Sullivan County International Airport. This grant comes from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and will be used to construct an aircraft parking apron and taxilane at the airport.

"I am very pleased that the FAA has recognized the need for funding these important improvements that will allow Sullivan County International Airport to expand and become more successful," Hinchey said. "This grant will enable the airport to contribute further to our local economy by creating new jobs for the people living in the area and providing additional revenue for the airport and county. I commend the Sullivan County Department of Public Works and Airport Engineer for their hard work and tenacity in making this grant and project possible."

Sullivan County International Airport will use the federal funds to build a new aircraft parking apron and taxilane that supports and facilitates Arcadia Aviation's development of eight new 20,000 square foot hangars with attached office spaces. Arcadia Aviation, the airport's fixed base-operator, currently provides a number of services that generate economic activity at the airport, including sales of fuel, airframe and engine repairs, aircraft rentals, flight training, hangar space rentals for corporate and private entities, and tie down rentals. Arcadia Aviation's \$25 million proposal and agreement with Sullivan County to significantly expand the number of hangars from three to eleven will increase business opportunities at the airport and in the region. The hangars will also revert to ownership by Sullivan County at the end of the extended lease with Arcadia.

"This federal funding will certainly help the airport expand its services and create economic development opportunities in Sullivan County," said Sullivan County Legislator Kathy LaBuda, Chair of the Public Works Committee. "This grant supports the construction of new private hangars that will encourage additional airport traffic and related business growth. The FAA originally deemed this project ineligible but later overturned that decision thanks to the efforts of Congressman Hinchey who pushed to have this project reconsidered."

This grant is provided through the FAA's Airport Improvement Program (AIP), which provides grants for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National

Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). NPIAS identifies more than 3,300 airports that are significant to national air transportation and thus eligible to receive Federal grants under the Airport Improvement Program.