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Rural Airports

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OVERVIEW: RURAL AIRPORT SYSTEM

Northern Region



Central Region



Southcoast Region



82%

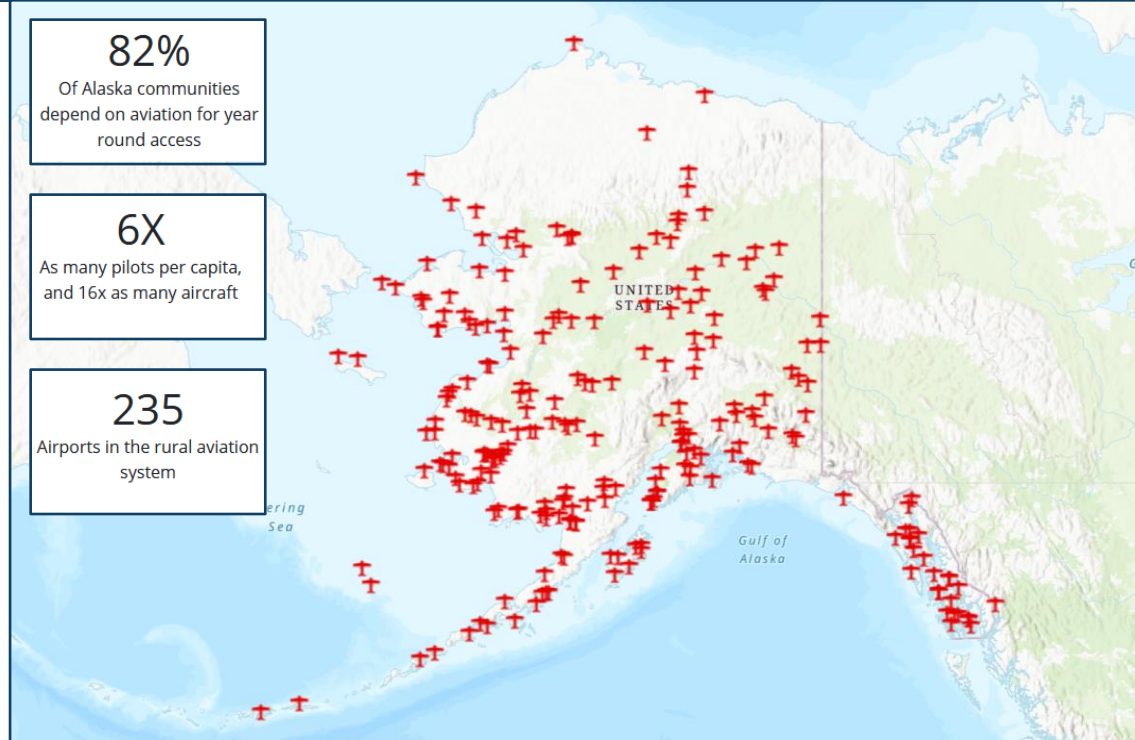
Of Alaska communities
depend on aviation for year
round access

6X

As many pilots per capita,
and 16x as many aircraft

235

Airports in the rural aviation
system



235 Rural Airports:

- 63 Southcoast Region
- 70 Central Region
- 102 Northern Region
- 21 are Part 139 Cert. (*covered on next slide*)
- 65 communities benefit from Essential Air Service subsidy

Not included, Two International Airports:

- Ted Stevens Anchorage International
- Fairbanks International



PART 139 AIRPORTS – 21 DOT&PF RURAL AIRPORTS

A Part 139 airport holds an **FAA Airport Operating Certificate** under **14 CFR Part 139**.

In Alaska, Part 139 applies to airports with scheduled or unscheduled passenger-carrying operations with aircraft having more than 30 seats.



*Aircraft landing on a freshly painted runway, Kodiak
Paul Khera, Alaska DOT&PF*

Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF)

Airports must maintain firefighting and emergency response capabilities.

Wildlife Hazard Management

Implement plans to mitigate wildlife risks to aircraft.

Airport Inspection & Maintenance

Regular inspections of runways, taxiways, lighting, and safety areas.

Snow and Ice Control

Must have a plan for winter weather operations.

Emergency Planning

Must establish protocols for handling aircraft accidents and emergencies.

Personnel Training

Airport staff must be trained in operations, safety, and emergency response.



See attached list of Part 139 certificated airports

AVIATION SPECIFIC REVENUE IN FY2026

FY2026 Governors - \$ in thousands

1244 Rural Airport Receipts	\$	8,979.4
Statewide Aviation	\$	4,800.5
Northern Highways & Aviation	\$	1,286.6
Central Highways and Aviation	\$	1,018.9
Southcoast Highways & Aviation	\$	976.1
Project Delivery	\$	799.9
Commissioner's Office	\$	54.5
Statewide Admin Services	\$	30.2
Facilities Services	\$	12.7
1239 Aviation Fuel Tax Account	\$	4,914.8
Central Highways and Aviation	\$	1,815.3
Northern Highways & Aviation	\$	2,188.0
Southcoast Highways & Aviation	\$	911.5
1245 Rural Airport Receipts I/A	\$	281.1
Statewide Aviation	\$	281.1



Sunny day at the Hughes Airport along the Koyokuk River, June 2024
Henry Cole, Alaska DOT&PF

Revenue & Revenue Projections - \$ in millions

Revenue Sources	FY2024	Projected	
		FY2025	FY2026
Motor Fuel Tax – Aviation (State Share)*	\$ 4.3	\$ 4.3	\$ 4.4
Rural Airport Leasing Receipts	\$ 6.7	\$ 6.7	\$ 6.7
Other Rural Airport Receipts	\$ 2.7	\$ 2.7	\$ 2.7
Total	\$ 13.7	\$ 13.7	\$ 13.8

*Source: Department of Revenue Forecast, Fall 2024



EXPENSES & REVENUES

Maintenance and Operations Airport Expenses and Leasing Revenues for FY2024

Statewide Rural Airports FY2024	Maintenance, Operations, Facility Expenses	Leasing Revenue	Revenue Less Expenses
Subtotal: Central Region (CR)	\$ 9,514.8	\$ 1,739.0	\$ (7,139.5)
Northern Region (NR)	\$ 22,738.6	\$ 3,803.0	\$ (18,935.6)
Southcoast Region (SR)	\$ 16,441.6	\$ 1,243.7	\$ (15,197.9)
Grand Total	\$ 48,694.9	\$ 6,785.7	\$ (41,273.0)

* Ketchikan Airport is leased in its entirety to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough who retain all revenues generated and pay most of the Maintenance & Operations costs.

FY2024 Other Rural Airport Revenues	
320N - Work/Office Administ-NonPar	\$ 47.3
321N - Security & Arff-NonPar	\$ 55.9
AAHC - Airport After Hours Call-out	\$ 362.2
BADG - Badge Fees	\$ 70.1
FING - finger printing	\$ 10.5
LAND - Landing Fees	\$ 92.8
PARK - Barnacle Parking Enforcement Sitka	\$ 17.0
OTHER - Other Revenue Transactions	\$ 2,049.2
Total	\$ 2,705.0



See attachments for breakout by airport

\$ in thousands

FY2026 BUDGET REQUESTS



	UGF	OTHER	Request Total
Increments (Added to Base)	\$ 558.3	\$ 350.0	\$ 908.3
Airport Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans Tracker Annual Subscription Fee	\$ -	\$ 80.0	\$ 80.0
Akutan Airport Employee Lodging	\$ 72.0	\$ -	\$ 72.0
Alaska Aviation System Plan: Letters of Correction Database	\$ -	\$ 50.0	\$ 50.0
Capital Improvement and Maintenance Program (CIMP) Inspection Program	\$ -	\$ 100.0	\$ 100.0
Kotzebue Airport Employee Housing and Travel	\$ 111.6	\$ -	\$ 111.6
Rural Airport Maintenance Contractor Increases	\$ 374.7	\$ -	\$ 374.7
Rural Airport Receipts to Support After-Hour Call Out	\$ -	\$ 120.0	\$ 120.0
Increments (One-time Items)	\$ -	\$ 160.0	\$ 160.0
Abandoned Buildings on Lease Lots	\$ -	\$ 160.0	\$ 160.0

\$ in thousands



ABANDONED BUILDINGS ON LEASE LOTS

Kodiak



St. George



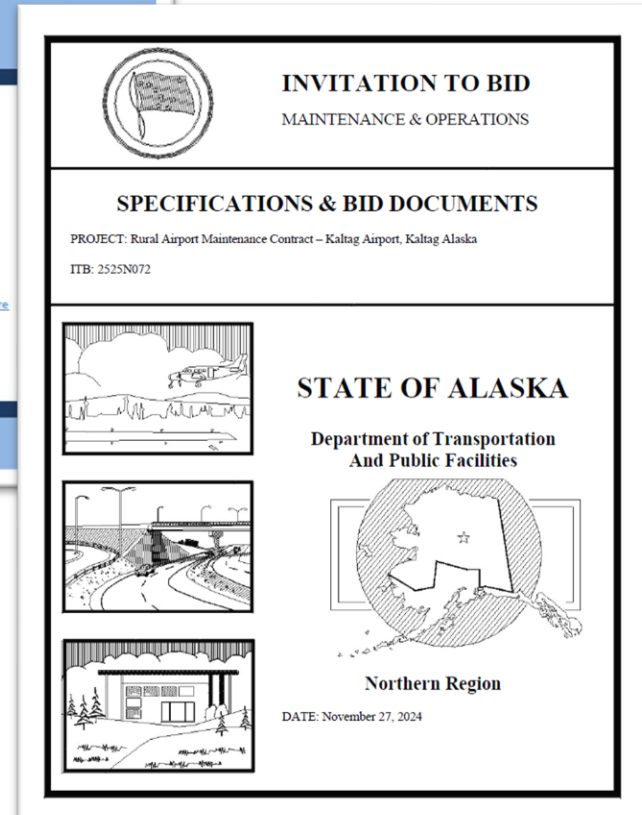
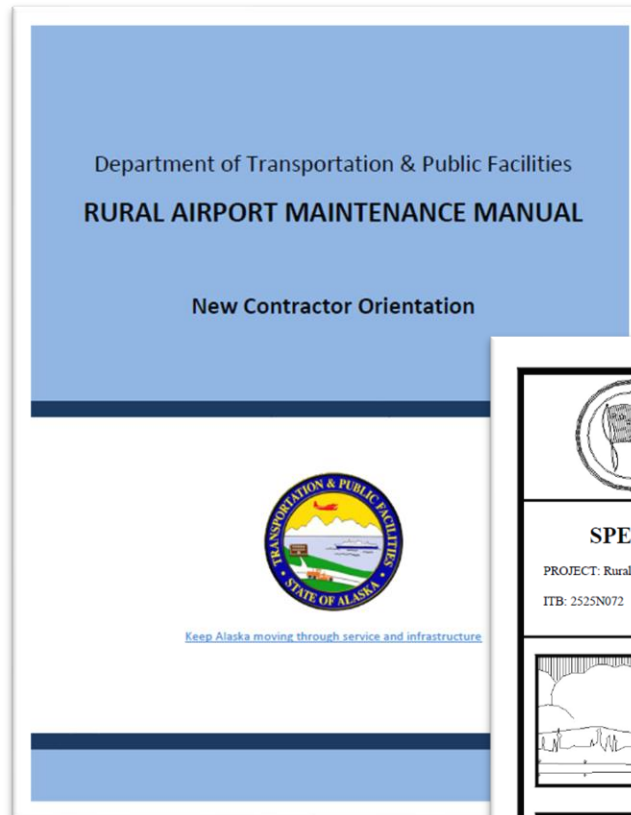
Cold Bay



RURAL AIRPORT MAINTENANCE (RAM) CONTRACTS

\$ in thousands

- **FY2024 - 129 Airports with Maintenance Contracts**
- FY2024 Average Annual Contract Amount \$35.4 (with a Median value of \$32.6)
- Contracts are competitively bid and awarded on low-cost basis
- Over 90 locations had a single bidder
- Over half of RAM contract airports serve communities with a history of subsistence



See attachment for list of contractor costs

EMERGENCY LIGHTING

- In 2007, the cost of a full set of emergency lights and an Pacrat Trailer with chargers was \$74.0 (Using the BLS CPI Inflation estimates that would be \$112.0 today)
- New emergency lighting systems are approximately \$86.0 per set, excluding shipping costs, and currently undergoing testing
- A full set of 36 lights will cover a 3,600' runway when placed at the maximum interval of 200' between lights

Current Activity:

- Received \$626.5 in FY2025 for Lighting
- S4GA SP-102 sets are preferred at \$86.0 per set
- Ordering sets for three Norton Sound Communities



\$ in thousands

STRENGTHENING, MOBILITY, AND REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION (SMART) GRANT: STAGE ONE AND TWO AWARDS

Alaska Rural Remote Operations Workplan –

Stage 1

Project Delivery: 18 Months

State Match: \$0

Award: \$1,944.5

Scalable Operations with Advanced Remote Technologies –

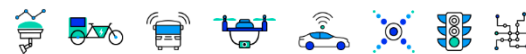
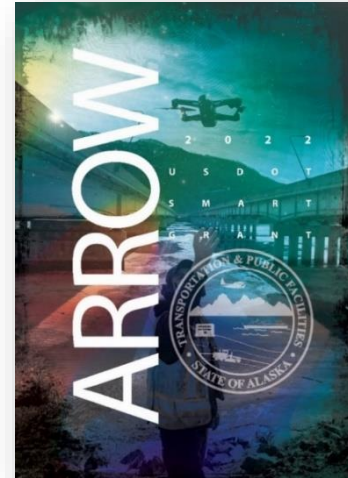
Stage 2

Project Delivery: 36 Months

State Match: \$0

Award: \$12,435.3

Project Summary: Leveraging advanced Unmanned Aircraft Systems and drone dock technologies to enhance infrastructure inspections, disaster response, and Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) operations, addressing safety, resiliency, and accessibility in remote communities. The initiative supports Rural Alaska by partnering with Alaska Native and Rural Villages to gather situational awareness data on snow, ice, and trails while creating scalable, sustainable models for nationwide deployment.



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THANK YOU

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