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## SENATOR GREGG ANNOUNCES \$729,854 FOR NASHUA AIRPORT

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded a \$729,854 grant to the Nashua Airport Authority for Nashua Airport (Boire Field) to construct 17,600 yards of aircraft tie-down space, which will yield an additional 51 tie-down spaces and expand the taxi lane for planes coming to and from the runway. Nashua Airport serves as a significant piece of the local economy, employing 200 full and part-time jobs, and is home to the Daniel Webster College's aviation program as well as an air ambulance service.

Senator Gregg stated, "This expansion of the Nashua Airport will allow for it to accomodate the significant growth it is expected to receive in the next several years. If Nashua is to continue to grow and expand as a community, the Airport will need to meet this increasing demand and will be an important economic catalyst. These improvements will make air travel safer and more convenient for those using the airport and I am pleased to see the Nashua Airport Authority receive this worthwhile funding."

Royce Rankin, Manager of the Nashua Airport, stated, "This is great news. It is extremely important that we secured this funding this year. Now, we can continue to move ahead with our capital improvement projects. With 123,500 take-offs and landings each year, Nashua Airport is the busiest one in New Hampshire and a key economic engine for this region. The funding will help us meet our needs and ensure the Airport continues to be one of the reasons Nashua is such a great place to live and work."

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