Airports are Economic Drivers

- General Aviation has a $12.2 billion economic impact on the State of Minnesota through its network of 135 public airports.

- For every aviation dollar spent at the airport alone, more than $1.52 comes back to the local area.*

- Over two-thirds of all the hours flown by General Aviation aircraft are for business purposes.

*Source: MN Flyer “You Community Treasure” March 1, 2015
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*Industries that Benefit from a Strong Airport*

- Tourism
- Emergency Services and Law Enforcement
- Military
- Manufacturing and Aircraft Service Industries

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Airports are Economic Drivers

“When people fly to any of our 135 airports or 15 seaplane bases, they buy fuel and oil, they eat in local restaurants, they rent cars, they stay in local hotels and they use area businesses and entertainment attractions.”

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Sustaining Airports as Economic Drivers

- **Purpose**: provide airport owners and operators with a forum for information exchange to improve airports and aviation in the state.

- **Mission**: is to insure the safe operation and adequate funding of all Minnesota airports using the members’ collective voices and the exchange of best practices.
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Objectives:
- Promote Aviation Safety and Security
- Promote Economic Value of Airports
- Promote Public Benefit of Airports
- Advocate on Behalf of Initiatives Important to Airports
- Advocate for Adequate Funding to Maintain a Healthy Airport System
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**REGION 9**
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**REGION 10**
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![Map of Minnesota showing regions and airports](image-url)
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- Membership:
  - 113 Airport Members
  - 37 Associate Members
  - Airports with scheduled commercial service ... $250
  - Airports, intermediate airports ... $150
  - Airports, landing strips and sod airports ... $50
  - Associates or individuals ... $100
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MCOA Annual Conference

- Mankato’s Verizon Wireless Center
- April 12-14, 2017
- Engaging Sessions
- Networking

Sponsorship/Vendor Opportunities Available

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Current Initiatives

- State Airport Zoning Reform
- Increase to MNDOT’s Appropriation
- Agency Sponsored Airport Bonding
- Formation of an Aviation Caucus
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