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Illinois Governor Announces \$9 Million Investment In Illinois Airports

On January 23, 2013, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn and Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Ann Schneider announced a \$9 million investment program that will create hundreds of jobs and improve 19 airports across the state. The investment, set to be part of the state's State-Local Airport Improvement Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, will restore aging infrastructure, improve ease of access for travelers and businesses and economically improve development opportunities at airports around Illinois.

Specific improvement projects include terminal and taxiway rehabilitation, aircraft parking ramps and entrance roads and the modification of airport parking lots. Funding for the program comes from Governor Quinn's \$7.3 million capital program *Illinois Jobs Now!* as well as a local match of \$1.6 million.

"Airports are a local economic engine for communities, regional trades and professional services, and are essential to making sure Illinois remains competitive in today's growing economy," stated Governor Quinn in a [press release](#). The Governor sees the investment as an opportunity to strengthen Illinois' position as a national leader in infrastructure.

To view an Economic Impact Study of the contributions Illinois' airports provide to the state's economy, [click here](#).