



Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport Secures \$1.5-Million to Support Runway Project

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(Kalamazoo, Michigan) – The Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport is pleased to announce receipt of a \$1,000,000 Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

“Our local airports are real assets to our communities in Southwest Michigan and this grant will certainly help expand passenger service, said Congressman Fred Upton. “I will continue to be a strong advocate for the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport and help support their consistent efforts to connect Kalamazoo to the world.”

The SCASD grant will be used as a revenue guarantee and marketing to recruit and support new air service to attract an air carrier for new nonstop service to Charlotte, North Carolina.

“The SCASD grant is an important tool to attract air carriers to Kalamazoo. Receipt of this grant supports our continued efforts to bring more air service to the community and improve connectivity for our passengers,” said Craig Williams, Airport Director of the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport. “Air service development is economic development, which supports the Airport’s mission to complement economic growth in Southwest Michigan.”

The Airport worked cooperatively with several community partners to establish public-private support of the grant application. These partnerships showcase the local support to grow air service options in Kalamazoo. Community partners include: Southwest Michigan First, Discover Kalamazoo, Battle Creek Unlimited and The Kellogg Company.

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As the Gateway to Southwest Michigan, the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport (AZO) serves the region’s almost 800,000 people by providing top-notch facilities and offering flights to and from three of North America’s finest hub airports on American, Delta, and United Airlines. Fly AZO and experience the comfort and friendliness that over 300,000 passengers enjoy each year. For more information about the Airport and our airlines, visit www.flyazo.com.