



Rapid City Regional Airport
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Rapid City, SD 57703

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Cutline: Airport executive director Patrick Dame, CM, SDSM&T Ph.D. student Jason Phillips, and Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender accept SD Hall of Fame Act of Excellence Award

Airport Receives South Dakota Hall of Fame Act of Excellence Award ***Green Project Places Airport in Good Company***

RAPID CITY, SD (Nov. 29, 2018) – The Rapid City Regional Airport and the Airport Board of Directors are proud to announce their honor from The South Dakota Hall of Fame for being named one of The Acts of Excellence in South Dakota. The program connects us with individuals and organizations who are building a culture of excellence in South Dakota, one act at a time.

Working with the SD School of Mines and Technology, the airport is creating a rooftop that is filled with small plants. The so-called green roof helps save water and reduce storm run-off. Green roofs also can help reduce heating and cooling costs. The plants absorb heat during the day to aid in cooling the building and releases the trapped heat at night, which keeps temperatures somewhat warmer than with a normal roof. The project meets the Airport’s mission to provide a safe, environmentally responsible and fiscally self-sustainable operation ensuring high quality services and facilities.

Airport Executive Director Patrick Dame said: “We really appreciate the partnership with the South Dakota School of Mines and the work of graduate research student Jason Phillips. The airline terminal patio is the crown jewel of the airport and we wanted to do more to make it a space where people can relax. The new green space will help our customers pass the time in a more relaxing atmosphere.”

The green roof project is not the only effort the Rapid City Regional Airport is doing to be more environmentally responsible. RAP has upgraded 122 outside light fixtures and 55 inside baggage tunnel lights to Light Emitting Diodes (LED) within the past three to five years. RAP also purchased a Glycol Recovery Vehicle (GRV) in 2017. Last snow season, RAP’s GRV recovered 9,250 gallons of glycol runoff from the aircraft being deiced on the aircraft parking apron, thereby limiting glycol runoff.

Rapid City Regional Airport (RAP) is the only full-service commercial airport for the Black Hills, serving several major cities throughout the United States. Our mission is to provide a safe, environmentally responsible and fiscally self-sustainable operation ensuring high quality services and facilities. Our vision is to provide world class transportation service enhancing economic growth.

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