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**Portsmouth Int'l Airport Receives \$3 Million for Upgrades**  
*Funding from FAA and NHDOT part of \$6.3 million grant over three years*

(Portsmouth) The Portsmouth International Airport at Pease (PSM) is receiving \$3 million for upgrades – part of a \$6.3 million grant over the next three years. Funding comes from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and a matching grant from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics. The money will allow PSM to continue converting the former Air Force Base into a civilian airport.

Specifically, \$500,000 will go towards Terminal improvements to meet post 9/11 facility requirements while \$700,000 is earmarked for the design of new de-icing/holding aprons on existing runways. \$1.8 million is dedicated to purchasing snow removal equipment. PSM will receive the remaining \$3.3 million of the grant for construction of the new de-icing areas over the next two years.

Both of New Hampshire's U.S. Senators worked to obtain the FAA funding and they are confident the improvements will be a real benefit to PSM and the passengers it serves.

Sen. Judd Gregg stated, "With its close proximity to Boston and growing population, the Seacoast area is an active region of the Granite State. I am pleased the FAA has recognized the robust and expanding economy of the region and provided these funds to aid the continued successful transition of Pease."

Sen. John Sununu added, "This funding represents a commitment on the part of the Federal Aviation Administration to the long-term safety of the Pease International Airport. Security improvements at the terminal, the purchase of new snow removal equipment, and a new apron pad for deicing and holding aircraft will enhance the value and mission of the facility for generations to come."