

## Purpose

The South Dakota Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautics intends to establish a blueprint for developing the aviation system in South Dakota, through the development of the 2010 South Dakota State Aviation System Plan (SDSASP). The plan will document aviation needs, guide funding decisions, and identify the future of the aviation system. The significant federal and state investment that has been made in both commercial and general aviation airports throughout the state must be maintained. Consequently, an update to the SDSASP has been initiated to provide a document that will provide appropriate guidance and recommendations to the South Dakota Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautics for the management of the aviation system of the State of South Dakota.



## Economic Impact Study

In an effort to establish a long-term vision for the South Dakota State Aviation System Plan, an Economic Impact Study will be conducted to identify the important role aviation plays in the state economy. An assessment of the economic activity generated by aviation in the state will be completed through the use of several methods. Beyond a traditional impact assessment, focused modules of the study will measure the economic contribution of airports to the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and South Dakota's pheasant hunting

season, and the degree to which businesses in South Dakota rely on air transportation for business travel and cargo movement.

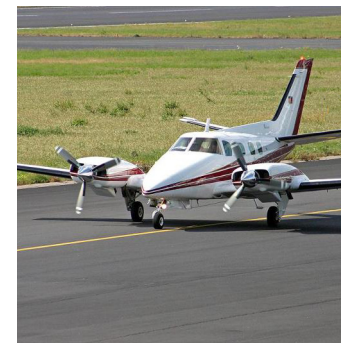
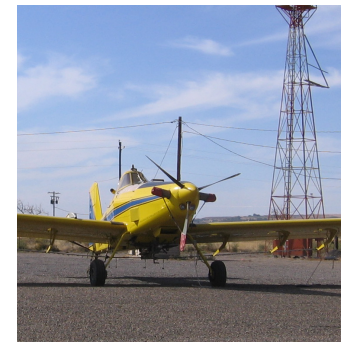


## Project Information

The South Dakota State Aviation System Plan (SDSASP) update will begin in late 2009. Tasks to be completed as a part of this project include:

- Establishing vision, mission, and goals of the SDSASP
- Defining airport roles and objectives
- Developing benchmarks for the system plan
- Conducting approach assessments
- Performing an economic impact study
- Providing recommendations based on findings
- Creating system plan documents

**A blueprint for development**



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