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## Sky is the Limit at Oneonta Airport

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**ONEONTA, 12/15/15** – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) today announced a \$70,000 legislative grant to support improvements at the Oneonta Municipal Airport.

**“The Oneonta Municipal Airport is a key component of our region’s economic future,”** said Senator Seward. **“If we want Oneonta, Otsego County, and the surrounding region to truly take flight and take the next step when it comes to economic development, we need a revitalized Oneonta**

## **Municipal Airport.”**

Senator Seward announced the grant during a ribbon cutting for the first-phase of renovation work performed at the airport terminal by students at the Oneonta Job Corp Academy. New upgrades at the airport include: a new conference area; ADA compliant bathroom facilities; and exterior painting. The grant from Senator Seward will fund additional interior improvements such as: security and fire alarm systems; entry gate detection loops; computers; and conference room area displays.

Oneonta Airport Commission Chairman Ed May said, “Rejuvenating the Oneonta Municipal Airport is a labor of love for so many people. The airport commission truly appreciates Senator Seward’s support as we work to develop the airport and make certain it will play a key role in boosting our regional economy.”

Otsego Now will also be studying additional improvements at the Oneonta Municipal Airport after receiving a \$50,000 grant through the New York State Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative.

Otsego Now CEO Alexander “Sandy” Mathes, Jr. said, “We view the Oneonta Municipal Airport as an important economic asset and commend the Airport Commission and the City of Oneonta on today's important ribbon cutting.”

**“When people touch down at the Oneonta Municipal Airport we want them to know they have arrived somewhere important. Upgrades like the ones we are unveiling today, along with others in the works, will send the message that the sky is the limit in Oneonta,”** Seward concluded.