



A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION  
REPRESENTING PUBLIC-OWNED  
AIRPORTS IN THE STATE OF IOWA

## **IPAA State Legislative Priorities 2016**

### **Airport Infrastructure Funding**

#### **Commercial Service Airports:**

*Increase* funding for the highly successful Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure program to \$2.5 million (current appropriation of \$1.5 million) for facility improvement projects at public-owned, commercial service airports in Iowa.

#### **General Aviation Airports:**

*Increase* funding for the highly successful General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure program to at least \$1.5 million (current appropriation of \$750,000) for facility improvement projects at public-owned, public-use General Aviation airports in Iowa.

### **Aviation Program Funding**

The revenue from two of three aviation specific taxes and fees are currently directed to the State Aviation Fund. The third, the taxes on the sales of aircraft, does not. The IPAA strongly supports the completion of the move of aviation specific tax and fee revenues to the State Aviation Fund by directing the use tax on aircraft sales to the Fund.

### **Staying Competitive with Surrounding States**

Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri have eliminated the state sales tax on aircraft maintenance and parts, while Iowa's tax remains. Aircraft repair and maintenance businesses at Iowa airports are now at a competitive disadvantage and are losing work to airports in neighboring states.

IPAA encourages the repeal of aircraft repair and maintenance as a sales taxable service. It also encourages the exemption of all aircraft parts from sales tax in Iowa.

## **IPAA Items of Interest Statements**

### **UASs and Drones**

The Association supports the safe and responsible integration of Unmanned Aerial Systems into the aviation system. The IPAA, the Iowa DOT Office of Aviation and other aviation groups are closely monitoring the FAA and on this issue as the FAA has oversight of this airspace.