

Air Wisconsin Airlines Corp.
Appleton, WI

Tax Exempt Bond Project

I. BACKGROUND

Air Wisconsin, headquartered in Appleton, is one of the nation's largest regional airlines. Flying exclusively as United Express, it serves 44 cities in 21 states, including United Airlines' hubs at O'Hare Airport in Chicago and Denver International Airport. As part of a major expansion, Air Wisconsin recently announced a \$1.7 billion purchase of 75 of the latest technology Canadair CRJ-200 regional jet aircraft.

II. PROPOSED PROJECT

Air Wisconsin proposes to construct a 55,000 s.f. maintenance facility for the new jets at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA). This location was selected over proposals received from numerous other cities, including Madison, Fort Wayne, Moline, South Bend, Lansing, and others.

On July 19th, the Milwaukee County Board agreed to lease a 4.25 acre site at GMIA for the new maintenance facility. The hangar will be located at the site of the old Air National Guard hangar on S. Howell Avenue, just south of facilities operated by Skyway Airlines and Signature Flight Support. The term of the lease will be thirty-two years.

The new maintenance facility will accommodate up to six aircraft at one time. Interestingly, the structural steel for the facility will be from the former Green Bay Packers practice building which was dismantled two years ago when the Packers erected a new facility.

Construction is expected to begin August 15th and be completed December 15th.

III. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST

Site Improvement	\$ 349,320
New Construction	2,960,746
Equipment	1,656,700
Design/Engineering	66,000
Bond Issuance	133,000
Contingency	<u>260,000</u>
 TOTAL	 \$5,425,766

IV. EMPLOYMENT

Current employment at Air Wisconsin is 3105 (18% minority).

The maintenance facility will initially employ 103, over 90 will be mechanics paid an average of \$37,000 per year.

Some of these positions will be filled by personnel relocated from Air Wisconsin's current maintenance facility in Appleton.