The State owns or operates approximately 252 rural system airports. Most State owned airports have federal funding obligations that create management, maintenance and grant compliance issues including snow removal and to keep the airports open and safe. Some of these airports are highly regulated Part 139 certificated airports which also require aircraft rescue and firefighting equipment as well as disabled passenger assistance equipment. This equipment is necessary for operation of the airports at an acceptable level of safety for the traveling public as well as meeting FAA regulatory requirements. The State seeks federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding for this snow removal and safety equipment from the FAA. This request covers acquisition of snow removal and safety equipment statewide at various rural State owned airports.

This project contributes to the Department’s Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage, by improving the mobility of people and goods.