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DINOLFO RAISES THE BAR: FIRST STEEL ARCH INSTALLED IN NEW ROC AIRPORT CANOPY

County Executive hosts "beam raising" ceremony to celebrate latest phase of the ROC Airport Renovation Project; Steel arch spans 80 ft., weighs 13,000 lbs., installed with a 140 ft. crane

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** was today joined by Lt. Governor **Kathy Hochul** and local project stakeholders for a "beam raising" ceremony to celebrate the installation of the first steel arch in the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) Terminal Entrance Canopy.

"This a very 'uplifting' day for residents and families across our community. Today we are putting the first pieces in place to build a brighter future with more visitors, more employers, and more jobs right here in Monroe County," said **Dinolfo**. "The Airport is the front door to our community and this project will help us make a great first impression with visitors and employers flying to our region. This state-of-the-art new canopy is a major element of our job-supporting Airport Renovation Project and I thank the New York based businesses who are helping to make it a reality."

Each steel arch spans eighty (80) feet, weighs 13,000 lbs. and will be hoisted into place using a truck-mounted crane with a boom that extends 140 feet. All steel used in the canopy project is manufactured in the USA, supporting an additional 150 jobs. The canopy will be constructed with 420 tons of steel mounted under a tensile membrane fabric covering 75,000 square feet.

The Terminal Entrance Canopy will provide a protective covering for passengers at the curb and those walking to and from Airport parking garage, while cutting annual operational and maintenance costs. It will also feature state-of-the-art enhanced security measures, such as intelligent video and surveillance technologies. All contractors working on the Terminal Entrance Canopy have a New York State connection, including Ramsey Construction, Kaplan-Schmidt, Steve General, JPW Industries, Contour Steel Inc. and tensile structure manufacturer Fabritec. Canopy construction commenced in October 2017 and is slated for completion at the end of October 2018. Road closures and traffic pattern diversions will remain in effect at the ROC Airport until the Canopy is complete.

The ROC Airport Renovation Project is a \$79 million investment, supported by a \$40 million competitive state grant, \$25 million in non-taxpayer funding from the Monroe County Airport Authority, and \$14 million from Monroe County. The Project is designed to transform the ROC terminal, inside and out, to create a 21st Century, high-tech smart facility that best serves the business and economic needs of travelers and creates a better passenger experience. Anticipated to support hundreds of local jobs, the project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2018. For weekly updates about the Airport renovation, visit www.rocrenovation.com.

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