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BELLO ANNOUNCES ROC AIRPORT RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION FOR COVETED AWARD

National Recognition for Outstanding Performance in Snow & Ice Control

Monroe County, New York (May 6, 2020) - Monroe County Executive **Adam Bello** announced today that the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) was awarded "Honorable Mention" for small commercial airports across the nation by the Northeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) for the 2019-2020 Balchen/Post Award.

The Balchen/Post Awards are presented annually to airports in the Snow Belt region in recognition of their "snow crews" dedicated efforts in outstanding performance for snow and ice control while maintaining safe and operational status for airport operations during the winter season.

"This award is a testament to the level of professionalism demonstrated by our Monroe County Airfield Operations Employees," said **Bello**. "Our community experienced record snowfall this past winter. Our ROC Airport team was successful in keeping the runways and taxiways open and operating safely during inclement weather for all travelers."

Applications for the awards are submitted by an airport's local work force and are accompanied by recommendations from travelers, airlines, pilots, general aviation professionals and others. All categories of airports (commercial, general aviation and military) throughout the United States and Canada compete for the awards.

This is the sixth time ROC has been honored with a Balchen/Post Award acknowledgement. In the 44 years that the awards have been presented, ROC has been a prior recipient in 1997-98, 1998-99, 2003-04, 2009-10 and 2017-18.