



*News From*

# **Maggie Brooks**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS ANNOUNCES PROJECT APPROVED BY COMIDA**

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks announced that the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA) today approved assistance for one local economic development project.

*“The approval of the USAirports project is significant to Monroe County because of the important aviation services they provide to the Greater Rochester International Airport,”* said **County Executive Maggie Brooks**. *“Monroe County remains committed to supporting the growth and vitality of our local companies that help improve our first-rate quality of life.”*

The following project was approved by COMIDA:

**USAirports Flight Support South, LLC** (EquiPlus)  
**One Airport Way**  
**Rochester, New York 14624**

USAirports Flight Support South, LLC (USAirports) provides aviation services to the Monroe County Airport. Services include aircraft fuel, oil line maintenance, repairs, deicing and flight support. USAirports is purchasing the assets of Landmark Aviation for \$1,200,000 and will retain 31 employees at Landmark. The company has been approved for a GreatRate on the equipment purchase through the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation and is seeking approval of the EquiPlus.

Today’s meeting also included a presentation by Bersin Properties, LLC regarding the Medley Centre mall in the town of Irondequoit.

The EquiPlus program combines the investment incentives of the GreatRate and GreatRebate programs with the sales tax exemptions offered through COMIDA. Companies that receive GreatRate or GreatRebate benefits through MCIDC for the purchase of equipment can receive an additional sales tax exemption on the purchase of that equipment through COMIDA.

COMIDA also offers property tax abatement through JobsPlus, Green JobsPlus and LeasePlus. The property tax abatement applies only to an increase in assessment in property value for each project.

COMIDA is a not-for-profit, public benefit corporation and governmental agency. Its purpose is to actively promote, encourage, attract and develop job opportunities in the community, by encouraging established businesses to expand locally and attracting new industries to the Monroe County area. COMIDA incentives apply toward the purchase of land and construction of new facilities, the expansion of existing buildings, the purchase of new machinery and equipment, as well as the renovation of existing facilities.

COMIDA does not lend any money to these projects, and projects receiving assistance are required to use 100% local labor. Assistance is provided through tax exemptions and abatements, and access to lower interest rates through tax-exempt bond issues. COMIDA provides this assistance without any taxpayer dollars. Income is generated by the fees charged to applicants. These monies have been reinvested in the community to advance economic growth and job creation.

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