



NIAGARA FALLS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
New Airport Terminal

The NFTA is planning to build a new 69,430 square feet, 1½ story terminal at the Niagara Falls International Airport (NFIA). A major regional initiative, the first-class terminal will have a significant economic impact on the local travel/tourism industry.

With the fourth longest runway in New York State, the airport can handle large passenger aircraft from international locations. Located just five miles from one of the world's most notable tourist attractions, the new terminal will be a true international gateway to the Niagara Region.

The new terminal will stimulate the growth of outbound as well as inbound flights. Myrtle Beach Direct Air and Tours began twice weekly, non-stop flights between Niagara Falls and Myrtle Beach in March 2007. Planes are averaging 85-90 percent capacity and it is estimated that the 3,500 visitors to the area during this inaugural year of service have had more than a \$1 million regional economic impact.

Beginning in March 2008, service will expand to three weekly flights to Myrtle Beach and three weekly flights to St. Petersburg, Florida. Additionally, the airport has drawn significant interest from an international tour operator for flights from Ireland tentatively scheduled to commence in June 2008.

In order to accommodate the expanded air service to the Niagara Falls region, it is imperative to construct air passenger terminal facilities that meet the needs of the air carriers, their passengers and promote a positive image of our region. The new terminal with modern industry amenities will also stimulate the economy on the Niagara Frontier through new jobs and economic investment in the tourism industry.

The NFTA recently solicited bids for construction of the new terminal and providing the total funding is identified, the NFTA is scheduled to break ground in Spring 2008. To this end, the NFTA requests the Governor's office work with the Western New York Legislative Delegation to identify resources to fulfill the \$17 million unmet need to construct the new passenger terminal.