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Millington Regional Jetport to Build New Fire Station

In a letter dated February 24, 2010, the State officially notified the Millington Airport Authority that its request of grant funding for a new aircraft rescue and fire fighting (ARFF) station had been approved by the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Grant funding totals \$500,000. Of the estimated project total, 90% will come from federal funds, and the remaining 10% will be the responsibility of the Millington Airport Authority.

The new facility will house the Authority's ARFF vehicles and personnel that respond to aircraft emergencies at the Millington Regional Jetport. It will replace existing facilities, which consist of a 64-year old pole barn which currently houses four ARFF vehicles, and an adjacent mobile home that serves as living quarters for the on-duty firefighters. The Airport Authority funds seven full-time firefighters, employed by the City of Millington under contract to provide the services at the Jetport. ARFF personnel and equipment are committed to the Jetport property and are not available for responses off-site unless they involve aircraft.

The Jetport has a regional economic impact annually supporting 98 full-time jobs, \$4.5 million in income, \$13.7 million in total economic impact and \$574,800 in State and local taxes.

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