



GRB's New International Arrivals Facility Takes Off

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(Green Bay, WI) The new, \$4.3 million, stand-alone International Arrivals Terminal (IAT) at Green Bay's Austin Straubel International Airport is jetting past expectations. From its opening on June 8, 2016 through the end of the year (seven months), 277 aircraft cleared U.S. Customs at the facility.

"That is ahead of the pace we anticipated," said Airport Director Tom Miller. "Previously, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) would clear, at most, about 400 aircraft total on a yearly basis. When we opened the doors on this new facility, the numbers started to increase."

GRB is often the first point of entry into the U.S. for corporate and private aircraft because it has an International Port of Entry status, is on the Great Circle flying route from Europe into the heartland of the United States, and has a fully operational USDA-approved auto-clave to handle regulated international trash.

"All of this makes GRB very attractive for international travel," added Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach. "The new International Arrivals Terminal allows us to offer upgraded service to a growing international travel market, and it also positions Brown County favorably for future aviation opportunities and local economic growth."

The new terminal also provides additional secure space and upgraded technology for CBP officers. It is located at the airport's former firefighting facility and was remodeled and repurposed to meet CBP safety and security requirements. The facility is staffed by Port Director Chad Shulfer and two additional CBP officers.

Miller added that the facility has room to expand. "It will serve us well as our international business grows. We continue to work with our Senators and Congressmen in an effort to secure additional customs staffing which will allow us to expand our capabilities; eventually allowing Austin Straubel to clear international commercial charter aircraft."

Funding for the International Arrivals Terminal came from several sources, including the Federal Aviation Administration, WisDOT Bureau of Aeronautics and Brown County.

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About Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport (GRB): GRB is one of only two commercial airports in Wisconsin designated as a Landing Rights Airport by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection for international flight arrivals.

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