

# Economic Stimulus Underway at Republic Airport

Up to \$200 million has been spent or is planned to be spent at Republic Airport by the year 2014 as a broad range of safety, infrastructure, and hangar improvement projects are undertaken.

Typical is the \$18 million Taxiway Bravo Construction and Safety Improvement Project which relocates this key aviation artery to ensure ground clearance for passing aircraft. The effort also includes improved lighting, drainage, marking, signage and associated work. An additional \$20 million project will create an arresting system to capture aircraft that overrun their landing.

Some \$2 million have been spent over the last several years

on updating Republic Airport's security perimeter and additional upgrades are expected in the years to come.

Private industry is also investing in Republic with hangars belonging to SheltAir Aviation, Talon Air, and Northeastern being improved or developed to accommodate Republic's vibrant general aviation community. Other facility upgrades are also expected to sustain Republic as a center of economic activity as tenants, including the American Airpower Museum and Specialty Restaurants, look to their future and how best to create modern, cost effective space at the airport.

Overall, federal government funding of about \$50 million for the safety projects and over \$100 million in private funding for hangars, hotels, and other develop-

ments are bringing money to the region to help Long Island businesses while preserving jobs during these tough economic times.



## Republic: Where Careers Take Flight

The Aerospace Education Corporation sends its thanks and congratulations to Republic Airport for hosting its second career fair this past autumn at the airport's Main Terminal Building. Students from throughout the region were introduced to exciting careers in aviation and aerospace as they walked through a military C-130 Hercules and heard about careers directly from the flight crews of flight train-

ing aircraft and other aviation professionals.

The event was attended by approximately 1,000 people, including middle and high schools and students from: Amityville High School, Aviation HS, Wilson Tech, Eastern Suffolk Boces, Half Hollow Hills East and West HS, Island Trees HS, Islip HS, Lawrence Road MS (Hempstead), Little Flower School (Wading River), Long Beach HS, Massapequa HS, Mineola HS, Patchogue-Medford HS, Seaford HS, Westbury HS and Westhampton Beach HS.

The event's major sponsors included: Long Island Business Aviation Association, LI Professional Aviation Maintenance Association, JetDirect Aviation, SheltAir Aviation, Republic Airport, Atlantic Aviation and D&K Aviation. In addition, there were 30 exhibitors represent-

ing many fields in aviation including: the FAA, 106th Rescue Wing, News 12, the US Navy, US Air Force, JetBlue, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Port

Authority NY & NJ, Delta, Farmingdale College, Telephonics, American Airpower Museum, Cradle of Aviation, ExcelAire, and Flight Safety.

