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At the 58th Annual International Aviation Snow Symposium on April 27th 2026 in Buffalo, NY; awards were presented to the "Snow Crews" of the airports in North America and military bases worldwide for their dedicated efforts in maintaining their airports in safe and operational status during the 2024-25 winter season. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that such awards are presented. All categories of airports – Commercial, General Aviation and Military - compete for these awards.

Applications are submitted by the airport operators on behalf of the local work force in recognition of their efforts in keeping the airports operationally safe at all times. Recommendations for selection may come from the users of airports, airlines, pilots, general aviation, the military and the entire aviation community. In addition, the members of the Awards Selection Committee provide feedback from their own organizations as to the performance of competing airports.

The 2025 – 2026 awards were presented to the following airports:

Large Commercial (Over 200,000 operations per year)

**Winner:**

Boston Logan International Airport, Boston, Massachusetts

**Honorable Mention:**

Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport, St. Paul, Minnesota

Medium Commercial (100,000 to 200,000 operations per year)

**Winner:**

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Erlanger, Kentucky

**Honorable Mention:**

Pittsburgh International Airport, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Small Commercial (Less than 100,000 operations per year)

**Winner Tier I:**

Erie International Airport/Tom Ridge Field, Erie, Pennsylvania

**Winner Tier II:**

Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Honorable Mention Tier I:**

Worcester Regional Airport, Worcester, Massachusetts

**Honorable Mention Tier II:**

Buffalo Niagara International Airport, Buffalo, New York



[Large General Aviation \(Over 100,000 operations per year\)](#)

**Winner:**

Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, Broomfield, Colorado

**Honorable Mention:**

Laurence G. Hanscom Field, Bedford, Massachusetts

[Medium General Aviation \(50,000 to 1000,000 operations per year\)](#)

**Winner:**

Allegheny County Airport, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania

**Honorable Mention:**

Willow Run Airport, Bedford, Ypsilanti, Michigan

[Small General Aviation \(Less than 50,000 operations per year\)](#)

**Winner:**

Gary Chicago International Airport, Gary, Indiana

**Honorable Mention:**

Waukesha County Airport, Waukesha, Wisconsin

[Military Airport](#)

**Winner:**

35th Civil Engineer Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan, PACAF

**Honorable Mention:**

509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, AFGSC

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