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## **DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DLH RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION BALCHEN/POST AWARD**

(Duluth, MN) Duluth International Airport (DLH) was awarded the Honorable Mention [Balchen/Post Award](#) for excellence in snow and ice control. The awards will be presented at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual International Aviation Snow Symposium (IASS) on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, in Buffalo, NY.

The award is recognizing DLH's Airside Operations Team for their dedicated efforts in maintaining our airport in safe and operational status during the 2019 – 2020 winter season. DLH received the Honorable Mention in the category of **Small Commercial Airport (Less than 100,000 operations per year)**.

DLH experiences a yearly average snowfall of 86.1 inches and has a total of 9,734,070 square feet of airside pavement (runway space, taxiways, aircraft handling aprons, etc.) to keep clear in order to operate 24/7, 365 days a year. That square footage is equivalent to 75+ city miles of two lane highway.

"I'd like to thank the **Northeast Chapter/American Association of Airport Executives** for sponsoring this award and the IASS selection committee for recognizing our Airside Operations Crews' efforts," says Tom Werner, DLH Executive Director. "I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work of our team. They are some of the very best in the business and this award proves it! It also shows their commitment to our customers, our operations and our community."

The Balchen/Post Award criteria include:

- Degree of in-depth preparedness
- Effectiveness of the snow and ice control program
- Timeliness and accuracy of communications during snow and ice control efforts with stakeholders
- Post Storm Activities

For more about the Balchen/Post Award: <https://www.necaaae.org/balchen-post-award-archives>

### **About Duluth International Airport**

The state-of-the-art passenger terminal at the Duluth International Airport opened for business on January 14, 2013. During this time of COVID-19, United Airlines offers varied daily nonstop flights to Chicago and Delta offers varied daily nonstop flights to Minneapolis/St. Paul. We are committed to providing our customers with superior services in a safe, secure and professional environment. Be sure to visit our new Club DLH Business Suite, designed with the working traveler in mind. Visit [duluthairport.com](http://duluthairport.com), follow us on Twitter [@DuluthAirport](https://twitter.com/DuluthAirport), and like us on [facebook.com/duluthairport](https://facebook.com/duluthairport).