



Owatonna Degner Regional Airport Quarterly EDA Report, October 2020

Airport Business Growth – Accelerated Aviation



Accelerated Aviation has been providing flight training and aircraft rental service at the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport (OWA) since February 2020. The company specializes in accelerated flight training leading to advanced ratings. Due to high student demand, Accelerated has now added a new Cessna 152 to their fleet and brought on two new flight instructors. The company now utilizes:

- Four (4) single engine aircraft
- One (1) multi-engine aircraft
- One (1) Advanced Red Bird Flight Simulator
- Nine (9) certified flight instructors

Farm Land Lease Agreements – EDA/Airport

The City of Owatonna will be advertising for bids this week for the 2021-2022 rental of available city farm land. The land for rent is located in the area of the City of Owatonna industrial park and the airport. These parcels are on a schedule for public bid every two years.

Parcels to be included:

- (13 acres) South of Lemond St. SW and West of SW 24th avenue (west of Gopher Sports)
- (16.5 acres) North of Lemond St. SW and West of SW 24th avenue (South of Coca Cola)
- (62 acres) South of SW 18th St. SW and adjacent to Lemond Rd. (West of Cybex)
- (45 acres) North of 26th Street NW and east of N. County Rd 45 (Airport Safety Zone)

There are also 241.5 acres of farm land divided into several parcels located primarily at the airport that are not included in the bid process for various reasons related to each piece including access, shape, and adjacent property considerations.

The farm land lease agreements provide that the city reserves the right to take possession of all or part of the rented property if needed for other purposes. In that event, the tenant shall be compensated for any lost or damaged crop for that year.

Aircraft Manufacturing Data - General Aviation (In Recognition of October Manufacturing Month!)

The General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) reports that in during the first six months of 2020 aircraft shipments are down due to impacts of the pandemic.

Aircraft Manufacturing 2nd Quarter (four year shipments data):

Airplane	2017	2018	2019	2020	Change ('19-'20)
Piston	468	492	573	497	-13.3%
Turboprops	232	260	231	152	-34.2%
Business Jets	295	281	333	244	-26.7%
Total Airplane Shipments	995	1,033	1,137	893	-21.5%

Value of Deliveries

2019 (Through 2nd quarter): \$9.9B

2020 (Through 2nd quarter): \$7.9B

Source: General Aviation Manufacturing Association (GAMA)

GAMA President and CEO Pete Bunce “While continued mandated and voluntary restrictions on international business travel are producing stiff headwinds, flight activity for business aviation has appeared to return to around 85% or pre-pandemic levels in U.S. domestic airspace, while piston, turboprop and rotorcraft flight activity has actually increased.

Source: Sep 15, 2020 Aviation Pros www.aviationpros.com

This trend appears to hold true for OWA as well in terms of fuel volumes delivered. Jet fuel volumes are rebounding to typical levels but approximately 18% down from 2019, while piston aircraft fuel is up approximately 26%. Business aviation is expected to continue to grow as companies explore the benefits that business aviation can deliver in light of the “new normal” work environment.

Interesting Arrival

Airport recently accommodated the arrival of a Bombardier BD 700 (Global Express). Part of the arrival involved the delivery of PPE in the continued battle of COVID-19.



Recent Delivery of Cases of N95 Masks in Global Express Aircraft