

Rural Airport Contractors

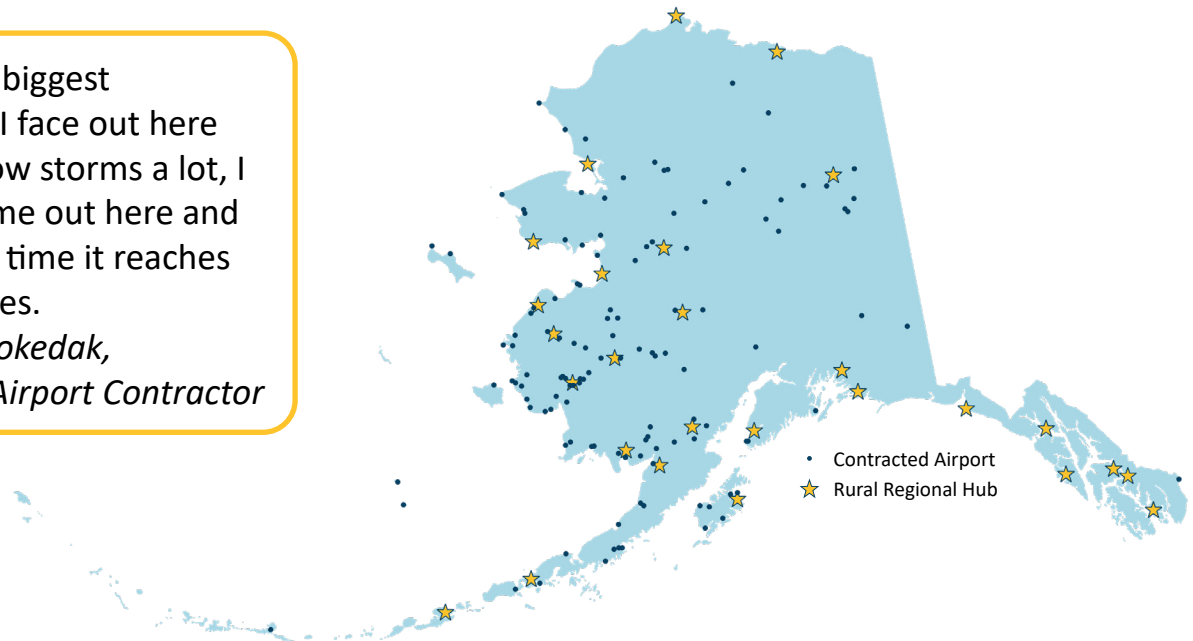
Hometown Support, Statewide Impact

Rural airport contractors are critical to DOT&PF's ability to keep Alaska's most isolated communities connected. With nearly 55% of DOT&PF's airports maintained by over 130 local contractors, these individuals provide the daily oversight and maintenance needed to ensure remote airfields remain operational. Living in the communities they serve allows them to respond quickly to changing conditions—clearing snow and ice, addressing equipment issues, and ensuring runways are safe for passenger, freight, and emergency flights.



One of the biggest challenges I face out here is if the snow storms a lot, I have to come out here and clear every time it reaches over 2 inches.

—Brian Apokedak,
Koliganek Airport Contractor



Long Distance Teamwork

Airport contractors' work is physically demanding and often done alone in harsh weather, requiring exceptional self-reliance and adaptability. Contractors maintain constant communication with airport managers at hub locations, sharing updates on conditions to keep operations safe and in compliance with federal regulations. This coordination is essential to ensuring that Alaska's rural airports remain open and reliable in a state where most communities have no other year-round transportation link.



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