

# **Gogebic-Iron County Airport**

## **Emergency Contingency Plan**

Gogebic-Iron County Airport (GICA) has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Mike Harma at [airport@gogebic.org](mailto:airport@gogebic.org). GICA is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport or (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, GICA will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

GICA has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at (906) 932-3121 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: Limiting commercial airline terminal space, one gate, lack of international passenger processing facilities, limited numbers of aircraft parking positions, limited sterile passenger area (approx. 30), and limited fueling capacity. During diversion events GICA will issues NOTAMs regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.

### **Airport Information**

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Airport Category:	<b><u>Non Hub</u></b>

### **Contact Information**

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Manager at (906) 932-3121 or [airport@gogebic.org](mailto:airport@gogebic.org) for assistance. Alternate contact: Airport Operation Cell (906) 364-3262.

### **Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays.**

GICA does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. We will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays.

### **Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency**

The gates at GICA are under common use leases to air carriers and are controlled by the airport. We will work with our common use tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the extent practicable. GICA does not operate a jet bridge GSE; any diverted aircraft requiring the need of GSE equipment to assist in deplaning will have to make prior arrangements for the deplaning of passengers and crew. Diverted aircraft will need to position aircraft on east side of terminal ramp.

### **Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection**

The GICA has a defined sterile area capable of accommodating limited numbers of passengers. We will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable if absolutely necessary, but the GICA does not have international passenger processing facilities. Local law enforcement has limited resources available and considerable distance to the nearest CBP (Sault St. Marie Michigan 309 miles, Duluth, Minnesota 108 miles, and Minneapolis, Minnesota 240 miles). The minimal drive distance would be 2 and half hours for Duluth, Minnesota. Therefore the GICA strongly discourages airline diversions requiring Customs and Border Protection.

### **Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan**

GICA will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website ([flyfromironwood.com](http://flyfromironwood.com))
- Make available at the Airport Manager's office.