## **GENERAL AVIATION**

- The large range of General aviation activities includes, commercial, non-commercial, private flying, flight training, air ambulance, police aviation, aerial firefighting, air charter, bush flying, gliders, skydiving, business jets, trainers, aerobatic types, racers, war birds and can include light sport aircraft, homebuilt, and light jet.
- General aviation has 6,300 airports available for public use.
- Scheduled flights of airlines have 560 airports in their system.
- General aviation provides more than one percent of the United States (GDP) Gross Domestic Product, accounting for 1.3 million jobs in professional services and manufacturing.
- General aviation includes flying as diverse as a weekend visit to a home airport and overnight package deliver to a farmer needing repair on equipment of a medical transplant organ to save a life.
- There are many similarities between how automobiles and how pilots use small aircraft.
- General aviation provides mobility and pleasure.
- General aviation has a great advantage of providing not only pleasure but also benefit of business advantaged by virtue of its speed and flexibility.
- More people are learning the advantages of general aviation for both business and personal travel.
- General aviation means you can go where you want to go where you want to go not just
  where the airlines go providing a greater flexibility and more productivity then other modes
  of travel.
- An estimated 65 percent of general aviation flights are conducted for business and public service.
- General aviation has an excellent safety record with the roughly 240, 00 civil pilots registered in the United States.

## Minneapolis-St. Paul:

- General aviation activities occur on all seven Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) airports
- Most of the activity occurs at the six smaller airports, which relieve congestion at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and provide infrastructure for the regions corporate and leisure aviation needs.