

## **Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF) TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

BUF has prepared this Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to [bryce.collins@nfta.com](mailto:bryce.collins@nfta.com). BUF 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, BUF 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).

### **Airport Information**

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Airport Category: Large Hub  Medium Hub  Small Hub X Non Hub

### **Contact Information**

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Fire Dispatch (ARFF) at 716-630-6011.

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

BUF 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.

However, we have requested that each airline, ground handler and FBO operation on the airport provide us with a list of the equipment and resources they have for deplaning passengers and contact information. We will provide this inventory and contact information to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above. Airport

owned shuttle buses are utilized to provide transportation from remote aircraft parking locations.

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

Eight (8) gates at BUF are under airport control and are available to air carriers on a per use basis. Additionally, seventeen (17) gates at BUF are under preferential lease to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the airport. If additional gates are needed, we will direct tenant air carriers to make preferential use gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use the gate, to the maximum extent practicable.

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

BUF has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. We have coordinated 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.

### **Public Access to the Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan**

BUF will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency plan by posting in a conspicuous location on the Airport's website (<http://www.buffaloairport.com>).