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# Breaking Ground



*The Frankfort Municipal Airport is located on State Road 28 in Frankfort, Indiana, roughly 20 miles from Lafayette.*

## Hamstra Finishes \$2 Million Frankfort Airport Project

**F**inal work is underway at the Frankfort Municipal Airport, three miles west of Frankfort in Clinton County, Indiana. The Hamstra Group was part of the team for a \$2 million building and renovation project designed to improve air transportation facilities for local businesses and the surrounding community.

Hamstra project manager Curt Albertson and staff worked with the architects and owners on value engineering, and completing the project in phases as the airport received funds to complete each phase of the work. In 2017, the shell of the building, the majority of the exterior work, and the hangar area were finished. The main terminal building



*Installation of the hangar door, which weighs 30,000 pounds, required an 80-ton crane and two 8,000 pound fork lifts.*

is expected to be finished and ready for occupancy in the fall.

The terminal building is a pre-engineered CECO steel building with 3-inch insulated sandwich wall panels, a standing seam roof, and large aluminum storefront windows for viewing the runways. The hangar, a 12,000 square foot structure with a 29-foot-high by 110-foot-wide hangar door, features an epoxy floor in the hangar area, a two-story office area, and modern tile carpet finishes.

The hangar accommodates large

business jets, such as Gulfstream G650 and Global Express aircraft. It features radiant heated floors, ground power plug-ins, and LED lighting. The hangar is adjacent to a brand new 40,000-square-foot aircraft ramp and de-icing pad (opened in late 2017) as well as new self-serve 100LL and Jet A fuel farms. The terminal area includes a 650-square-foot meeting space for airport board and public usage. The hangar was designed to not only house planes, but serve as an event center with a full-service kitchen.

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Sitting on 162 acres, the Frankfort Municipal Airport has served the region for more than five decades. After receiving strong support from community leaders, backers, and businesses, upgrades were cleared for take-off.

"Everyone has been very excited about this," Frankfort-Clinton County Airport Authority President Alan Dunn said. "These airport improvements will boost economic development here."

According to Hamstra project foreman Ryon Klemp, careful installation of the sandwich walls and hangar door was critical.

"The door is huge — and 30,000 pounds in weight," explained Klemp. "But with good planning, good team work, and a good crew — plus an 80-ton crane and two 8,000-pound fork lifts — we set the door into position."

Klemp says teamwork was instrumental in getting the job done. Klemp was assisted by The Hamstra Group's Derek and Kim Bahnerth, who completed all plumbing and mechanical tasks, as well as in-floor heat work. "Everybody involved was great to work with and a team player," Klemp said.



*The new terminal features conference rooms, office facilities, a pilots' lounge/bunk room, and event space.*



*The Hamstra Group has completed other municipal/county airport projects in recent years, including hangar construction and other work at the Porter County Regional Airport in Valparaiso, Indiana.*



*With more than 12,000 square feet of heated space and a 110-foot-wide hydraulic door, the hangar accommodates larger business aircrafts.*

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