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**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CONTROL TOWER
AT BARNSTABLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IS COMPLETE**

For Immediate Release

HYANNIS – Construction of the new air traffic control tower at Barnstable Municipal Airport is complete, less than eleven months after groundbreaking and within the \$6.7 million budget.

Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault has received a temporary certificate of occupancy from the Town of Barnstable. That will enable Federal Aviation Administration crews to begin installing telecommunications equipment for arriving and departing aircraft.

“It’s a significant milestone in the first phase of the airport improvement program that includes a new passenger terminal, access road and aircraft parking ramp,” Breault said.

The 4,000 sq. ft., six-story tower rises 85 feet above ground including a glass-enclosed control cab at the top. The total \$6.7 million cost, including the planned demolition of the old tower, is being paid for with FAA grants and federal stimulus funds.

An Energy-Efficient Building

The tower includes Energy Star-rated heating, ventilation and air conditioning, along with an energy-efficient elevator. Those design elements are expected to earn at least a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) “silver” certification, meaning that the tower was planned and built to meet high conservation standards. It will be the Town of Barnstable’s first LEED-certified

municipal structure, and airport officials believe it will be the first air traffic control tower in the nation to achieve such a rating.

The FAA is expected to turn over the tower—which will meet all national airspace system requirements—to airport officials by mid-October. Once flight operations are transitioned, the old tower will be demolished, probably in November, Breault said.

The airport manager had high praise for the tower’s builder, Suffolk Construction Co. of Boston and for CTBX Aviation, the Florida-based project architects. “Everyone worked together and did a terrific job,” he said.

Phases Two and Three

The new passenger terminal is about 50 percent complete, Breault reported, and construction work has begun on part of the new road on airport property that will connect the terminal to Airport Road.

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