

NIAGARA FALLS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (IAG) INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Authority's Air Service Development Program (Program) for Niagara Falls International Airport (IAG) has dedicated staff and resources to create public and industry awareness of IAG and its facilities. The Program is designed to increase air travel and promote competition at IAG. The Program provides for the overall marketing of IAG, targeting specific destinations, participation in travel and trade shows, conducting advertising campaigns and promotions, and engaging in direct sales meetings with travel agents/tour operators. The program also considers flight services operated from Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF).

The Authority recognizes the value of new domestic and international air service at IAG. The goal of the Authority Incentive Program is to attract new service to increase travel to and from IAG and promote competition at IAG. The Authority recognizes that efforts to attract new service and the success of new service may be dependent on whether the airport offers an Incentive Program. The Authority developed an Incentive Program that is an important piece of the Authority's Air Service Development Program. The Incentive Program will offer incentives for new entrant service and service to defined destinations not currently served at IAG or BUF. The following air carrier/operator Incentive Program has been developed based on the goals and objectives of the Program. The Authority will review the Incentive Program annually and reserves the right to amend, supplement or cancel the Incentive Program. The costs associated with the IAG Incentive Program will not be included in the airline rates and charges.

An airport is considered "Served" if the airport has non-stop flights from BUF and/or IAG at a frequency of at least two (2) flights each way per week (or 100 flights each way per twelve (12) months) or if more than one carrier/operator is flying under active BUF or IAG incentive agreements covering non-stop flights to that airport.

An airport is considered "Underserved" if the airport has non-stop flights from BUF and/or IAG at a frequency of less than 100 flights each way per year for at least the past twelve (12) months, or if only one carrier/operator is operating under an active BUF or IAG incentive agreements covering non-stop flights to that airport.

An airport is considered "Unserved" if the airport has not had non-stop scheduled flight service from BUF and/or IAG for a period of at least the past twelve (12) months.

I. Non-Stop Destination Based Incentives

An air carrier/operator will not be eligible for a Non-Stop Destination Based Incentive if it had service to a listed destination and cancelled that service within the last two years of applying for the incentive to the destination that was previously cancelled at either IAG or BUF. The air carrier/operator may be eligible to apply for the Non-Stop Destination Based

Incentive for the previously cancelled destination two years after the cancellation of the service, provided that the program is still available.

A domestic destination must be served with a scheduled frequency of at least two (2) flights each way per week or 100 flights each way per twelve (12) months to be eligible.

An international destination must be served with a scheduled frequency of at least one (1) flights each way per week or 50 flights each way per twelve (12) months to be eligible.

Non-Stop Destination Based Incentives only apply to “Unserved” & “Underserved” airports and excludes airports considered “Served” from IAG or BUF. Additionally, the incentive will no longer be available once two air carriers/operators announce and start serving the same airport route from IAG or BUF.

The air carrier/operator and the Authority shall execute a letter of agreement for participation in the Incentive Program that memorializes the terms and conditions of the Incentive Program. Either party may terminate the agreement upon sixty days written notice.

A. Matching Advertising Incentive

The Authority will make a pool of cooperative matching advertising funds available for the promotion of destination based new service. The new service may be provided by an incumbent air carrier/operator or new entrant air carrier/operator. The Matching Advertising Incentive for a particular destination will no longer be available once two air carrier/operators serve the same airport from IAG or BUF. The new service must consist of regularly scheduled non-stop passenger air carrier service or regularly scheduled non-stop public passenger charter service that operates to the following destinations:

<u>Eligible Destination</u>	<u>Destination Limit</u>
1. Pacific Southwest Zone (CA & NV)	\$50,000 per airport destination (up to 3 in this zone)
2. Pacific Northwest Zone (WA & OR)	\$50,000 per airport destination (up to 3 in this zone)
3. Mountain Time Zone	\$50,000 per airport destination (up to 3 in this zone)
4. Central Time Zone	\$50,000 per airport destination (up to 2 in this zone)
5. Atlantic Southeast Zone (NC, SC, GA, FL)	\$50,000 per airport destination (up to 2 in this zone)
6. Albany, NY – (ALB)	\$50,000
7. Caribbean & Mexico Zone	\$75,000 per airport destination (up to 3 in this zone)
8. Central and South America Zone	\$75,000 per airport destination (up to 3 in this zone)
9. Ireland Zone	\$200,000 per airport destination (up to 3 in this zone)

10. United Kingdom Zone	\$200,000 per airport destination (up to 3 in this zone)
11. Mediterranean Zone	\$200,000 per airport destination (up to 3 in this zone)
12. Western Europe Zone	\$200,000 per airport destination (up to 3 in this zone)
13. Eastern Europe Zone	\$200,000 per airport destination (up to 3 in this zone)
14. Asia Zone	\$200,000 per airport destination (up to 3 in this zone)

The matching advertising incentive only applies to “Unserved” airports and excludes airports considered “Underserved” from IAG or BUF.

The matching advertising funds may be available to air carriers/operators that meet the eligibility requirements to the extent that budgeted funds are available in the Authority matching advertising program fund. The Authority will set an annual cap on the matching advertising program fund.

The Authority may pro rate the matching advertising funds in the event that more than one air carrier/operator applies for the same destination. The prorated amount will be based upon the frequency of service that each air carrier/operator is offering to the same destination and the amount of money available in the matching advertising fund. The matching advertising program fund incentive shall be effective until the fund is exhausted, or the destination is no longer eligible.

An air carrier/operator is required to match the Authority’s advertising incentive on an equal basis. The Authority will require proof of payment, subject to audit, prior to receipt of the Authority’s advertising incentive. Fifty percent of eligible incentive dollars may be paid after six months of service and the remaining fifty percent after twelve months of service. All payment requests for matching advertising funds must be received no later than 6 months after the completion of the incentive period; any unused and/or unclaimed incentive dollars will then be considered forfeit.

Matching advertising funds may be used for advertising campaigns, radio, direct mail, internet marketing or other agreed upon promotions. The name “Niagara Falls International Airport” must be prominently mentioned in the form of media selected for the promotion.

The Authority reserves the right to review and approve the air carrier/operator advertising campaign to verify compliance with the requirements set forth herein. The air carrier/operator is responsible for the development of its advertising campaign.

B. Destination Based Fee Waiver Incentive

The Authority will waive all applicable fees set forth in the IAG Tariff schedule, for a not to exceed period of twelve (12) consecutive months for new service to destinations identified as one through six above and for a not to exceed period of twenty-four (24)

consecutive months for new service to destinations identified as seven through fourteen above.

C. IAG Accelerated Expansion Incentive

The Authority will increase the Destination Based Fee Waiver Incentive period for domestic destinations identified as one through six above to a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) consecutive months for an air carrier/operator if three (3) or more eligible destinations are announced, have executed respective letters of agreement for participation in the incentive program, and all associated flight services starts within a six-month window. Any additional eligible destinations served by the air carrier/operator will also receive the expanded period not to exceed twenty-four (24) consecutive months as long as there are at least two active Destinations Based Fee Waiver Incentive Agreements in effect. If at any time the air carrier/operator drops a route operating under an active Destination Based Fee Waiver Incentive Agreement, all other markets that benefit from the IAG Accelerated Expansion Incentive will no longer receive the increased waiver period beyond the standard twelve-month (12) period, unless at least three (3) Destination Based Fee Waiver Agreements remain active and flights are operating in accordance with the agreements.

II. New Entrant Terminal Use Incentive

Eligibility and Benefits

The Authority will waive terminal use fees set forth in the IAG Tariff schedule for a not to exceed period of twelve (12) consecutive months for new entrant domestic air carrier service, and for a not to exceed period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months for new entrant international air carrier service, thereby enhancing competition and air carrier service. The New Entrant Terminal Use Incentive will only be available if the Authority has vacant gate positions.

The air carrier must provide regularly scheduled passenger service at IAG from the passenger terminal building. An air carrier will not be eligible for the New Entrant Terminal Use Incentive if it had regularly scheduled service at IAG or BUF and cancelled that service within the last two years of applying for the new entrant gate use fee waiver incentive. The air carrier may be eligible to apply for the new entrant gate use fee waiver incentive two years after the cancellation of service at IAG or BUF, provided that the program is still available.

The air carrier and the Authority shall execute a letter of agreement for participation in the Incentive Program that memorializes the terms and conditions of the Incentive Program. Either party may terminate the agreement upon sixty days written notice.