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**CONGRESSMAN STEARNS PRESENTS GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT  
WITH A  
\$2 MILLION CHECK**

**GAINESVILLE** – The Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority met with Congressman Cliff Stearns today at the Airline passenger terminal to receive a ceremonial \$2 million check, representing much-needed funding for runway and taxiway improvements.

The Airport requested fiscal year 2006 federal funding for runway and taxiway renovations. With the assistance of Congressman Stearns, the Airport received funding for this high-priority project and improvements will be made to taxiway alpha.

In appreciation of Congressman Stearns' commitment to the Airport Authority, he was presented with an aerial photo of the Airport. "Congressman Stearns visited the Airport to present us with a check, but it really felt like this was an opportunity to show our appreciation for his on-going support of the Airport," said Jim Stringfellow, Chair of the Authority Board.

In fiscal year 2005, Congressman Stearns supported a request for funding of a multi-modal project that resulted in a \$300,000 announcement of funding.

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