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**Broomfield, Colo.** – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today dedicated the new \$23.7 million, state-of-the-art airport traffic control tower at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in Broomfield.

The new tower provides air traffic controllers with better airfield views and with the latest radar and communications technology, ensuring they'll continue to provide the safest, most efficient service to flights in and out of Broomfield.

"The new tower demonstrates the FAA's commitment to aviation safety and to modernizing the air traffic control system in Colorado," said FAA Acting Administrator Michael Huerta. "Investing in new air traffic control facilities is a key component of the FAA's Next Generation Air Traffic Control system."

NextGen is a comprehensive overhaul of the National Airspace System to make air travel more convenient and dependable, and ensure flights are as safe, secure and as hassle-free as possible.

The new facility includes the 124-foot-tall air traffic control tower topped by a 525-square-foot tower cab with four air traffic controller positions and one supervisor position. A 6,000 square-foot, single-story base building will house training rooms, administrative offices and equipment rooms.

Air traffic controllers at Rocky Mountain Metro handled 110,509 takeoffs and landings in 2011. The airport primarily serves general aviation traffic.

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