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Syosset-based BDG Construction is one of two contractors chosen to manage the design and build for [Sheltair Aviation](#)'s new \$55 million terminal and aircraft hangar complex on 40 acres at Republic Airport in East Farmingdale.

Los Angeles-based AECOM joins BDG in the project that will provide about 210,000 square feet of new hangar space with door heights at least 28 feet high to accommodate new corporate jets, according to a company statement.

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based Sheltair had been working on a \$1 million upgrade to its existing hangar at Republic. That project improved its 66,000-square-foot hangar's electrical service and passenger lobby, as well as installed a new drainage system.

"We are delighted to have been selected to be part of the Sheltair team," BDG Construction Vice President Brad Blumenfeld said in the statement. "Having built many technically complex facilities elsewhere in New York, we know this is an exacting assignment requiring close attention to detail, strict adherence to regulations and tight deadlines. It's great to see facilities like this going up in the region, it's a sign that the economy is has legs."

Todd Anderson, Sheltair's senior vice president for real estate and development, said the fixed-based operator is delighted to partner with the two development firms.

"AECOM is an internationally recognized expert in the field of infrastructure engineering, and BDG Construction, based on Long Island, has built a broad spectrum of commercial and aviation space throughout the New York metropolitan region, perhaps one of the most challenging places in the nation to break ground," Anderson said in the statement. "We know we have a winning team and we are looking forward to starting construction soon."

Sheltair has grown its New York footprint with its operations at JFK and LaGuardia airports and is also expanding in Florida and Georgia. The company, which offers fueling services, ground handling, hangar and office leasing and turn-key design/build of aviation facilities, now manages more than 3 million square feet of aviation related properties.