



The England Authority Invites Applications for
Executive Director
England Airpark/Alexandria International Airport (AEX)
Alexandria, Louisiana

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England Airpark

England Airpark is so much more than an airport. The England Airpark consists of significant commercial, residential and recreational development.

December of 1992 saw the official closure of England Air Force Base and led to the creation of the England Economic and Industrial Development District, today known as the England Authority. Alexandria International Airport (AEX) opened for service at the former base in August 1993, beginning a great success story.

With the doubling of air traffic, leasing of over 1 million square feet of commercial space and the facilitation of approximately 2,000 jobs, England Airpark and AEX have become a model for the reuse of a former military base by an energetic community.

From its humble beginnings as an abandoned military facility, England Airpark/AEX serves in a number of roles including: a staging base for both military training/transfer operations and disaster relief, an intermodal transportation facility, and as an educational campus and business development center for the Central Louisiana Region. Alexandria International Airport (AEX) continues to aggressively develop commercial and general aviation/corporate related traffic providing leisure and business travelers a gateway to national hubs including Atlanta, Houston, and Dallas-Fort Worth.

Alexandria International Airport

The **Alexandria International Airport** served approximately 278,000 passengers in 2017 and had 30,790 operations.

Airlines operating at AEX include American Airlines, Delta Airlines and United Airlines.

Other significant operators at the Airport and Airpark include:

- National Rental Car
- Avis Rental Car
- Hertz Rental Car
- Budget Rental Car
- Million Air of Alexandria (FBO)
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- 259th Louisiana Air National Guard
- U.S. Army
- Union Tank Car-UTLX





Other significant operators at the Airport and Airpark include: (continued...)

- Pepsi Americas-Regional Distributor
- IPC-Louisiana LLC, Procter and Gamble Vendor
- CAM Logistics, LLC. -Plastipak/Procter and Gamble Vendor
- JM Test Systems-Calibration and Measurement Services Regional Office
- PHI-Helicopters
- Front Porch-Operator of England Oaks Retirement Community
- OakWing Golf Course
- The Learning Center for Rapides Parish
- Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix, and Hixson-Professional Engineers
- Rapides Parish Sheriff-Training Center, Records, and Detectives
- Civil Air Patrol
- The GEO Group

Current projects and significant capital improvements include:

- Consolidated Rental Car Facility (Under Construction)
- Westside Industrial Park Development/Certified Industrial Sites (4 sites Certified)
- Street Overlay (complete)
- Street sign replacement (Under Construction)
- New Community Center (Going to bid in July)
- Bridge Rehabilitation-(complete)
- Airport Master Plan Update (to begin 2018)
- Total Airfield Electrical Rehabilitation (under construction)
- North Ramp Reconstruction (completed)
- Mill & Overlay Runway 18/36 (under design)
- Runway 18/36 Extension Project (under design)
- Part 150 Noise Mitigation Program (under construction)
- Construction 6-mile Airport Access Road (under construction)
- Rehabilitation North Airport Emergency Access (under construction)
- Rehabilitate Runway & Taxiway Safety Areas (under design)

The total cost of the above projects and improvements is approaching \$147 million dollars. The operational budget for 2017/2018 is \$8,711,128 and the capital improvement budget is \$55,775,725.

There are currently 23 non-represented employees at AEX.

Central Louisiana

Welcome to the heart of Louisiana. Central Louisiana is the geographic center of the state, and prides itself as a hard-working, family friendly area. Located on the banks of the Red River, the Cities of Alexandria and Pineville offer all of the amenities of a big city with all of the charm of a small town. Central Louisiana offers a multitude of amenities including outdoor and recreational activities such as boating, skiing, hiking, PGA quality golf, arts, world class zoo, historic homes and locations, the state's only National Forest, and many festivals throughout the year including a Mardi Gras that rivals New Orleans.

The largest city of the 10 Parish region is Alexandria which serves as the retail and business hub of Central Louisiana. Literally, 2 hours from the other major cities of the state and well connected by interstate, rail, water, and air, Alexandria and Central Louisiana are truly an intermodal hub for business. England Airpark, an award-winning master-planned industrial park and home to Alexandria International Airport that offers daily flights to Atlanta, Dallas, and Houston, keeps Central Louisiana connected to the world. The Central Louisiana Regional Port keeps Central Louisiana connected via the Red River with numerous agricultural, military, and heavy industry utilizing the port to ship and receive goods and services.

Many industries have chosen Central Louisiana as their home because of the business-friendly climate, good schools, strategic central location, great healthcare, great recreational and quality of life activities available. Procter and Gamble, Union Tank Car, Weyerhaeuser, Hayes Manufacturing, Crest Industries, Roy O. Martin, Cleco Power, and many others have started or expanded their businesses in Central Louisiana.

Central Louisiana has been designated a Top 10 Wilderness Place by National Geographic due to the vast 604,000-acre Kisatche National Forest, thousands of acres of rivers and lakes which provide unlimited recreation and outdoor activities. The City of Alexandria was named one of the top 25 places to retire by Forbes thanks to its affordable living, great healthcare, and quality of life activities.



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Central Louisiana has a long military history that has been vital to our Nation over many decades. Pineville Louisiana is home to Camp Beauregard that serves as a training center and headquarters to the Louisiana National Guard. Just 45 minutes west of Alexandria in nearby Vernon Parish is the State's largest military installation and largest employer-Ft. Polk. Fort Polk is home to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and has more than 8,000 active duty soldiers. Fort Polk serves our Nation by training troops to be combat ready to serve in all campaigns around the world. A vital part of Central Louisiana's economy, Fort Polk and England Airpark maintain a critical partnership to move troops through the area to Fort Polk for training rotations. England Airpark is home to the Intermediate Staging Base (ISB), which serves as the staging area for troops and equipment to move into "The Box" at Fort Polk for real world combat scenarios. Alexandria International Airport's airfield and ramp infrastructure readily handle thousands of troops, rolling stock, rotor aircraft, the largest cargo and transport planes the military has multiple times a year.



Central Louisiana is home to multiple outstanding healthcare opportunities including Rapides Regional Medical Center, which has been serving Central Louisiana for over 100 years. Emergency, Trauma, and urgent care as well as maternity and obstetrics, stroke, imaging and wound care are just a few of the areas that Rapides Regional Medical Center and its affiliated clinics provide. To recruit more talented medical professionals to the area, Rapides Regional hosts the LSU Family Practice Residency Program with many of its graduates choosing to stay in Central Louisiana to practice.



Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital has been caring for the residents of Central Louisiana for over 65 years and provides a wide-range of services including cardiac care, cancer treatment, pediatrics, surgery and more. St. Frances Cabrini is part of the larger Christus Health system serving patients throughout Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas.

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The Alexandria Veterans Affairs Health Care system located in Pineville is dedicated to providing quality healthcare to veterans and service members who have dedicated their lives to serving our country. Services include primary care, imaging, women's health, mental health and more.

Central Louisiana offers multiple opportunities for higher education. Central Louisiana is home to Louisiana State University of Alexandria, (LSU-A) which offers associate and bachelor's degrees, as well as certificates in a wide variety of programs including nursing, education, business administration, criminal justice, pharmacy technology, and more. LSU-A offers on campus classes and online curriculum for flexible degree opportunities.

Louisiana College is the only 4-year private Baptist institution in the State providing liberal arts and sciences education since 1906. Located on 80-plus beautiful acres in Pineville, LC offers 70 majors, minors, and pre-educational programs. LC offers associate, bachelor's and graduate degrees in areas including nursing, business, graphic design, pre-law, and more.

Northwestern State University Central Louisiana Campus located at The Learning Center for Rapides Parish at England Airpark offers select degree programs including undergraduate and graduate opportunities through in person classrooms or online and video instruction. Northwestern State is one of a consortium of Universities offering classes through the Learning Center for Rapides Parish.

The Central Louisiana Technical Community College, part of the State's Technical and Community College system, offers career and technical education programs on seven campuses throughout Central Louisiana. CLTCC will play a major role in providing industries in Central Louisiana with the skilled workforce they need to fill the jobs of the future.

A quality of life second to none, a business-friendly area, a connectivity to the state and the world, and a population of caring and hardworking people make Central Louisiana the State's best opportunity for continued and future growth.





The Position

We are seeking an innovative **Executive Director** who will perform a variety of administrative, technical and professional work in preparation and implementation of economic development plans, programs, and airport (AEX) management services for the England Authority. The Executive Director plans, organizes, coordinates and directs the work of both the Landside and the Airside divisions, and has overall administration of the aviation function of the Airpark, as well as economic development initiatives.

The incumbent is responsible for working closely with the England Authority, City of Alexandria, the Rapides Parish Police Jury, and local economic development leaders, including the Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, and CLECO, in promoting the business and economic development interests within the community.

This position will provide guidance to individuals and companies to establish, relocate, or expand their businesses at England. Will include assistance in the planning and coordination of community development projects, assisting business and residential applicants with local and State permitting processes, and providing research for Authority sponsored projects. This position is a direct report to England Authority Board of Commissioners.

For a complete job description, [click here](#).



Position Qualifications

The ideal candidate will be a strong leader, visionary, with significant executive experience. Work history or training in both airport management and economic development, including administrative and oversight responsibility, is a definite plus. Bachelor's degree required, preferably with specialization in economic/community development, airport management, or business administration. Equivalent combination of experience and training may be considered. Master's degree preferred but not required. A.A.E. and/or I.E.D.C. accreditation highly desirable (or commitment to obtain if selected).





Salary & Compensation

The salary range for the Executive Director is \$125,000-\$165,000 with an attractive benefits package.



How to Apply:

- A.** Please submit both a **cover letter and résumé.** We require your files to be submitted as **PDF documents.** We prefer that you send both your cover letter and resume as one combined document. Please do not send your cover letter in the body of an email. Send your **PDF files** to ADK Executive Search at: **AEXED@adkexecutivesearch.com**
- B.** Please complete the ADK employment application form at: **[ADK Application Form](#)** (this is a secure link)

Filing Deadline: Open Until Filled

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Email questions to: **AEXED@adkexecutivesearch.com**

