The Virginia Tech Montgomery Regional Airport Authority invites applications for

Airport Director

Virginia Tech/Montgomery Executive Airport (BCB)

Blacksburg, Virginia

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The Airport

The Virginia Tech/Montgomery Executive Airport is in southwest Virginia adjacent to the Town of Blacksburg which is ranked as one of the best towns in America to live with a high quality of life. Also adjacent to the airport is Virginia Tech, a state university supporting 37,000 students with worldwide academic credentials. The airport is further bordered to the south by a high technology research park employing over 3,000 employees. Additionally, the Town of Christiansburg is just three miles away which serves as the commercial center of Montgomery County, VA.

The airport operates as an Airport Authority represented by one member each from The Towns of Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Montgomery County and VA Tech, with one member at large.

Currently, the airport is finishing phase III of a three-phase project extending the runway to 5,500’. The airport has recently added 12 t-hangars while two tenants have built two 15,000 square-feet corporate hangars. Annual operations are 18,500 projected to reach 26,800 largely due in part to the runway extension. (continued...
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Besides the Director, the airport employs three full time operational staff, two 1,500-hour employees and four part time staff which increases to seven part time staff when Virginia Tech/State University has a home football game. During home games, upwards to 80 aircraft visit the airport.

The Airport Authority owns the FBO which controls the fuel and hangar concessions. A new SASO has been introduced onto the airfield where it will provide aircraft maintenance, flight school and aircraft rentals.

The airport over the last 18 years has leveraged over 53 million in funds from both the FAA and the Virginia Department of Aviation, where these funds were allocated for safety, expansion, upgrades and other improvements. The airport is planning additional capital projects that include an apron rehabilitation, apron expansion, a new fuel farm, a corporate hangar and a Master Plan Update.
The Community

Nestled on a plateau between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains, the Town of Blacksburg is part of Montgomery County in the heart of Southwest Virginia's New River Valley. Because of the town's award-winning services, reasonable cost of living, safety, moderate climate and abundant leisure activities, Blacksburg is consistently ranked among the country's best places to live and has a nationwide reputation as a well-managed, stable and forward-looking community. Blacksburg is located approximately 45 minutes from Roanoke and is home to Virginia's second largest public university, Virginia Tech.

Visitors can walk the Virginia Tech campus and visit the popular Moss Arts Center, which includes a 1,260-seat performance hall, visual arts galleries, amphitheater, four-story experimental Cube, and multiple studios. All buildings on the campus are made from "Hokie Stone," making Virginia Tech one of the prettiest college campuses on the East Coast. Highlights include Burruss Hall, Lane Stadium and Cassell Coliseum. The pylons above the War Memorial Chapel on the edge of the Drillfield evoke the core values of Virginia Tech and are etched with the names of every Virginia Tech student and graduate who "died defending our nation's freedom," beginning with World War I.

Virginia Tech is a prestigious and internationally renowned research institution. As a leader in scientific and technological development, Virginia Tech has educated hundreds of scientists and engineers as well as leading business professionals and academic leaders.

No visit to Southwest Virginia is complete without an outing on the Blue Ridge Parkway. It's a great place to picnic for a day, go for a drive, or spend the weekend. The Jefferson National Forest and the George Washington National Forest are traversed by the Blue Ridge Parkway, and a portion of the Forests adjoin the Shenandoah National Park. As you can imagine, this beautiful region offers a collection of scenic drives. Treat yourself to a fall foliage drive through these forests.
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The Jefferson National Forest is home to the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area where you'll find over 400 miles of designated trails. The trails range from primitive single-track to old logging roads and railroad grades. Some are for foot only; others allow horse and/or bicycle use. Mount Rogers is Virginia's tallest peak.

The Forests are located within eight major river basins: the Potomac, James, Roanoke, New, Big Sandy, Holston, Cumberland, and Clinch Rivers. Average discharge of surface water from National Forest lands is estimated to be 2.2 million-acre feet.

The forests contain 2,340 miles of perennial streams, of which over 1,000 miles are trout waters. There are 82 reservoirs within or immediately downstream from the National Forests, 16 of which are used for municipal water supply. Lake Moomaw is among the largest reservoir (2,530 acres) providing flood control, water quality control, and recreation opportunities.

The forests offer many opportunities to enjoy various recreation experiences: hunting, hiking, fishing, off-roading, horseback riding, and mountain biking.

You may also want to tour Smithfield Plantation which was built in 1773. This colonial era plantation was the home where Revolutionary War patriot William Preston and his wife, Susanna Smith Preston raised their twelve children.
The Position

The position of Airport Director is a full-time, salaried position. Under the direction of the Airport Authority Board, the Airport Director performs administrative work involved in supervising and directing operations and maintenance activities. The Airport Director directs the (24) hours-a-day, seven (7) days a week operation of the Virginia Tech Montgomery Executive Airport.

The Airport Director establishes procedures and assures airport compliance with all Federal Aviation Regulations, Virginia State Regulations and other statutory and regulatory requirements necessary for General Aviation operating requirements.

For a complete job description, click here.

Position Qualifications

The successful candidate will be a change agent for the airport and be brand driven. The successful candidate will be required to have at a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major coursework in business management, airport management or aviation management or related field. A Master’s degree is preferable, plus 5-7 years related experience, including three (3) years in a supervisory capacity; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. A private pilot’s license is desirable.

Salary & Compensation

The salary range for this position is dependent upon qualifications and is accompanied by an attractive benefits package.

How to Apply:

To apply online, click here.  
Deadline for applications: Sunday, May 3, 2020

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