

The Cedar Rapids Airport Commission Announces New Appointment for Director of Operations



David "Gene" Cossey, A.A.E., IAP

Cedar Rapids, IA – David "Gene" Cossey, A.A.E., joined the Eastern Iowa Airport (CID) as Director of Operations as of July 21, 2014.

Cossey will be responsible for managing the maintenance and safety operations functions of the airport. He will also manage and coordinate airport construction and environmental projects and will plan and develop the operational processes, procedures and functions of airport operations including airside and landside operations.

Cossey most recently served as the Senior Manager of Airside Operations and Safety at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG). Prior to that, he served as the Airport Director at Newport Municipal Airport, following a position at the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport as their Airport Operations Manager.

"Gene brings extensive knowledge of the airport industry to the Eastern Iowa Airport. He is a seasoned and trusted leader who consistently delivers results," said Tim Bradshaw, Airport Director of the Eastern Iowa Airport. "Gene is uniquely qualified to lead the operations team as we embark on our multi-year revitalization and renovation program."

"I am excited to come to the Eastern Iowa Airport and for this great opportunity to be a part of the team here," stated Cossey. "Cedar Rapids is a terrific community with a lot to offer. The Airport is growing and there are a lot of exciting things happening with that growth. I'm looking forward to becoming a part of the community and continuing my own personal and professional development along with the Eastern Iowa Airport."

Cossey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management/Information Systems Management from Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon and he is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). He has also received the International Airport Professional (IAP) designation from Airports Council International and has training and experience as a private pilot.

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