The City of Corpus Christi invites applications for

Assistant Director of Aviation

Corpus Christi International Airport (CRP)

Corpus Christi, Texas

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The Airport

**Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA)** is the gateway to the Coastal Bend region of South Texas. CCIA has provided air travel services to customers at its current location for nearly 60 years. As a non-hub airport, CCIA welcomes approximately 670,000 passengers each year. Using the code CRP, the airport is known for a waterfront ambiance with a tropical flare.

CCIA is committed to creating a customer friendly experience for visitors while maintaining a clean, safe, and secure environment. CCIA is owned and operated by the City of Corpus Christi via the Aviation Department. When walking through the 140,000 square foot terminal, visitors can enjoy some of the cultural history of our region while taking in some of the beauty created by the Gulf of Mexico and the wildlife that roams the vast ranchlands of this part of South Texas.

CCIA encompasses approximately 2,700 acres of land, some of which is ripe for development. CCIA is served by three major U.S. based air carriers: American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines. The airport sees an average of 100,000 aircraft operations each year, with 60% of them being conducted by the U.S. Military. CCIA runways are often used by the U.S. Navy as part of their training operations. Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and Naval Air Station Kingsville have a long and storied history here as an important part of the local economy. CCIA is also home to the U.S. Coast Guard’s Sector Headquarters, which is a key component in our nation’s commitment to secure the Homeland.
CCIA has 81 full time employees and an operating budget of nearly $10 million dollars. The airport staff has been very successful in securing discretionary AIP funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In 2016, CCIA completed a $60 million Runway and Taxiway Safety and Reconfiguration project that took approximately 5 years to complete. Since then, the airport has installed a new $7 million dollar perimeter fence and is in the final phases of a multi-million-dollar rehab of our commercial and general aviation ramps. Over the past 10 years, CCIA has also completed an expansion to the Federal Inspection Services (FIS) area, a new airfield maintenance facility, and a new Quick Turn Around (QTA) facility for our rental car operators. Future projects will include a comprehensive rehabilitation of the airport terminal and the replacement of major systems that are nearing their useful life.

Fixed base operators at CCIA are Atlantic Aviation and Signature Flight Support. As an economic engine for this region, CCIA’s commercial and general aviation activity is responsible for nearly $800 million dollars in economic output according to a study commissioned by the Texas Department of Transportation in 2018. With a strong commitment to serving the community, CCIA is poised to continue a pursuit of excellence in operational efficiency and customer satisfaction.
The Community

The City of Corpus Christi is the eighth largest city in Texas with a population of approximately 316,000. The city’s name (Corpus Christi) in Latin means Body of Christ. The name was given to the settlement and surrounding bay by Spanish explorer Alonso Álvarez de Pineda in 1519, as he discovered the lush semi-tropical bay on the Catholic feast day of Corpus Christi. The city has been nicknamed “Texas Riviera” and “Sparkling City by the Sea”. The City is located on the South Texas Coast on the Gulf of Mexico.

Corpus Christi is home to a vibrant, creative community of emerging artists, musicians, photographers, chefs and small business owners who add to the local economy. The American Bank Center serves as a regional venue for some of the largest names in entertainment.

Drawing families from far and near who have invested in the area for its charming coastal atmosphere, Corpus Christi is also a magnet for first class shore and deep-sea fishing and beautiful beaches. Schlitterbahn Water Park, Minor League Baseball at Whataburger Field, U.S.S. Lexington, Texas State Aquarium, Art Center, Botanical Gardens, Padre Island and National Seashore, and Museum of Science and History are just a few activities for residents and visitors to enjoy.
The Community (continued)

A playground for bicyclists, golfers, runners, marine enthusiasts and surfers, Corpus Christi bustles with activity at every turn by young people attending Del Mar Community College and Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi.

Downtown is just a short 10-minute drive to the Corpus International Airport.

Corpus Christi Facts

- Population is approximately 326,000.
- Median household income is $53,626.
- Median home price is $125,000.
- Median age of residents is 34.9 years.
- Corpus Christi is the 8th largest city in Texas.
- Corpus Christi covers 452.2 square miles, of which 124.3 are land and 327.9 are water.
- The average high temperature in July and August is 93 degrees.
- The average high temperature in January is 65 degrees.
- Approximately 8 million people visit the Corpus Christi MSA every year.
- About 74 percent of area visitors are from Texas.
- Tourism generates an annual economic impact of $1 billion for the Corpus Christi region.
- In 2003 - 2011, nine consecutive years, Corpus Christi was declared the “Birdiest City” in the nation with more individual species counted than any other city.
- The Corpus Christi area has over 113 miles of Gulf Coast beaches; visitors to Corpus Christi have access to nearly 70 miles of beachfront on Padre and Mustang islands.
- According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Port of Corpus Christi is the 5th largest port in the United States by tonnage shipped.
- The area’s major industries are (1) petrochemical, (2) military and (3) tourism.
- Padre Island, the largest Barrier Island in the nation, is only 25 minutes from downtown Corpus Christi.
- The King Ranch is one of the largest and oldest working cattle and horse ranches in the world. The ranch has ranch history, wildlife and agriculture tours. The King Ranch is 825,000 acres - larger than Rhode Island - and has over 2,000 miles of fencing.
- Corpus Christi is home to the official State Aquarium of Texas.
The Position

The Assistant Director of Aviation coordinates Air Service Development, which is planning to grow commercial air services at the Corpus Christi International Airport. The purpose of this position is to grow air service, reduce enplanement leakage, address the need for more demand for new and expanded air services and any other projects that may increase air service at the Corpus Christi International Airport.

The Assistant Director serves in a senior leadership role to support the department Director through long term strategic planning and must display sound judgement in department programs and services.

The ideal Assistant Director candidate will be an accomplished professional with a depth, breadth, and diversity of experience in a public agency environment. The ideal candidate will bring a strong customer service and public service ethic, and exceptional interpersonal skills to build collaborative relationships and high performing teams. The City is seeking an individual who can skillfully and effectively manage and solve complex and adaptive problems to serve as a change agent, with the ability to consistently achieve results even under tough circumstances. The ideal candidate will be a resilient, self-aware individual who values differences and will create a work climate where people are motivated to do their best to help the organization achieve its goals and objectives.

For a complete job description, click here.
Position Qualifications

- Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college or university with major coursework in Aviation Management, Public or Business Administration, or related field
- Seven years of progressively responsible experience in aviation management
- Certified Member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) or IAP designation from Airports Council International (ACI) preferred

Salary & Compensation

The salary range for the Assistant Director of Aviation is $100,000 - $150,000 with an attractive benefits package.

How to Apply:

To apply online, click here.

Deadline for complete applications: Sunday, December 29, 2019

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