Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport Authority invites applications for

Airport Director

Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport (LWS)

Lewiston, Idaho

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The Airport

Since its creation in 1944, the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport has been instrumental in the growth and prosperity of the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley. Approximately 120,000 passengers come and go through the terminal annually and two national airlines are represented at the airport, Delta Airlines/SkyWest Airlines and Alaska Airlines.

In 2011, the city of Lewiston and Nez Perce County, the airport’s co-owners, established the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport Authority and a governing Board of Commissioners to administer airport operations and property. The Board has five members—two appointed by the city, two by the county and a fifth selected by the other four.

The Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport generates nearly $55 million in yearly economic activity. Moreover, 519 jobs are tied to the airport, representing a $15 million annual payroll, according to a study commissioned by the Idaho Transportation Department Division of Aeronautics.

The valley’s excellent year-round flying weather, which allows air traffic to flow when nearby or larger airports are closed because of fog or snow, offers the availability of two runways suitable for large corporate jets and commercial air carriers. The airport also has an air traffic control tower.
FedEx and UPS both utilize the 70-year-old airport. FedEx operates a shipping center next to the terminal building, while UPS handles daily charter air freight shipments from Seattle. Delta/SkyWest provides twice-daily service to Salt Lake City, and Alaska/Horizon Air offers daily flights to Boise and twice daily flights to Seattle. Charter flights make frequent stops, and the airport has a small but busy general aviation clientele.

Hillcrest Aircraft Co. provides a broad range of helicopter services, Gustin Aviation performs major maintenance on fixed-wing aircraft, especially aerial application planes from all over the West, and Stout Flying Service is a base for just about everything else, including fuel, flight instruction and charters.

Life Flight, an air ambulance service, maintains both a helicopter and a fixed wing aircraft at the airport.

Numerous small businesses are among the tenants on the airport, selling fuel, renting cars and offering travel and cosmetology services. A small convenience store in the terminal building furnishes everything from souvenirs to books to snacks. The Nez Perce County Sheriff’s Air Posse has a hangar on the airport, as do the Civil Air Patrol and a chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association.
The Community

The Lewis Clark Valley is a mecca of outdoor activity. The community is made up of Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston and Asotin, Washington. There are nearly 20 miles of paved pathway along both sides of the Snake River that residents and visitor alike can enjoy. We are also an up and coming wine region with award-winning wineries. Sitting at the edge of the Clearwater and Snake rivers we have everything a person could want to do outdoors. Here in the valley rafting, boating, swimming, fishing, hunting, hiking, and camping are just a way of life.

North America’s Deepest River Gorge – Hells Canyon has peaks that reach almost 8,000 feet high. That is nearly 2,000 feet higher than the Grand Canyon! Another difference between the two gorges is you can’t drive to the edge of Hells Canyon and see a vast majority of it. As a matter of fact, there are only a few lookout points overlooking the canyon.

This rugged canyon was cut out by the almost 1,100-mile-long Snake River and is now an outdoor dreamland. You can take day trips or book an overnight stay in a rustic lodge. Or perhaps you prefer to be on the water. There are jet boat tours, as well as rafting and kayaking trips available. We highly recommend using a guide to ensure safety and permitting.

Tours provide the opportunity to see a myriad of wildlife, abandoned mines, shipwreck sites, and homesteads. In addition to important Nez Perce archaeological sites. The most vivid evidence of early indigenous people can be found at Buffalo Eddy, where a scattered group of petroglyphs can be seen. Hells Canyon attracts outdoor adventurers from all around the world. Whether you want to enjoy a lazy afternoon on a white-sand beach or get your heart rate up on the rapids you can do it here!

Wine and Dine – The Lewis Clark Valley is the Inland Pacific Northwest’s best kept wine secret. This young American Viticulture Area (AVA) overlaps Idaho and Washington. It is home to 11 vineyards and 10 wineries that are producing award-winning wines.
The Community (continued)

The Lewis Clark Valley offers a wealth of quality food and beverage. And the mild climate and unique topography make it an ideal place for year-round vacations. Plus, our wine and food are made even better by the gorgeous scenery!

Whether you’re visiting for a wine festival, planning to tour some vineyards, or looking for a bottle to take home, Lewis Clark Valley has you covered.

History and Culture – The Lewis Clark Valley is an important cultural hub in the Inland Pacific Northwest. According to tribal legend, Nimiipuu, “the people,” were created in North Central Idaho at the dawn of time. There is evidence dating back more than 12,000 years of their inhabiting the area’s canyons. In Hells Canyon you can find petroglyphs that have been carbon dated back that far.

More recent history and perhaps more well-known is the exploration of the area by the Corps of Discovery Expedition. When Captains Merriweather Lewis and William Clark were sent by Thomas Jefferson to find a northwest passage to the Pacific Ocean. The Lewis and Clark Expedition, as it is also known, would have died here if not for the Nimiipuu. Tribal members provided them with food and shelter for months. The explorers camped on an island close to the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers near our Valley.

Today, the history and culture of this region can be explored though museums, historic sites, natural landmarks and any of the many different types of tours offered in the area.

Things to Do – The Lewis Clark Valley, aka The Banana Belt of the Pacific Northwest, is an outdoors paradise. With its warm dry climate, it offers year-round recreational opportunities. Everything from boating, sailing, whitewater rafting, fishing, and swimming, to golfing, hiking, biking, hunting, and camping. If you want to be outside there is no better place to be than here.

No matter what you’re in the mood for, you can do it in the Lewis Clark Valley. There are always things to do from our festivals and fairs, to our galas and concerts there is something for everyone!
The Position

The Airport Director for Nez Perce County Regional Airport oversees the day-to-day operations of the Airport and develops and oversees the Airport’s business development, marketing, communications, finances, strategic planning, budget, capital projects, and air service development. The Director must have operations experience and expertise to make sound decisions guaranteeing the safe and efficient daily operation of the Airport. The Director must be able to effectively capitalize on the Airport’s opportunities to expand while ensuring accountability to the public.

For a complete job description, click here.

Desired Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university, with major coursework in aviation management, business administration, or a related field. An advanced degree in a related field is preferred. Minimum 10 years of progressive and professional experience in aviation management or airport/airfield operations and management, including at least five years of administrative/supervisory responsibility. Designation of CM or AAE from the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) is desirable.

Salary & Compensation

The salary for the Airport Director position is $125,000 with a very attractive benefits package.

How to Apply:

To apply online, click here.

Deadline for complete applications:
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