The Akron-Canton Airport Authority Invites Applications for
President & Chief Executive Officer
Akron-Canton Airport (CAK)
Akron, Ohio

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The Airport

Akron–Canton Airport (CAK) is a commercial airport that is governed by an Airport Authority consisting of an eight member Board of Trustees whom are appointed by Summit County and Stark County. They have complete fiscal and organizational oversight of the airport and serve four-year terms, do not receive compensation, and can be reappointed indefinitely by the appointing county.

Based on an economic impact study completed in 2012, CAK is one of the leading economic generators in the region with an economic impact of more than a half a billion dollars. In addition to an impressive financial impact, the airport has contributed to and helped sustain more than 3,000 jobs in the Northeast Ohio region, including 47 positions directly for the airport authority.

The airport sits on 2,400 acres of property, has two intersecting runways (featuring ILS landing), and a 24-hour tower. Safety is CAK’s number one priority. The 210,000 square foot terminal building offers a variety of amenities including branded concessions like Arby’s®, Cinnabon®, Subway®, and Great Lakes Brewing Company®.

CAK takes pride in offering a relaxing customer experience with exceptional customer service. With convenient interstate access, close-in parking, short lines at the ticket counter and the security checkpoint, CAK Customers save time traveling and spend more time doing the things they love.

The airport is finishing CAK2018, a 10-year, $150 million capital improvement program. Most of the CAK2018 projects are now complete, including: a 600 ft. runway extension, more aircraft and car parking spaces, a new aircraft fire and rescue building, and the addition of a federal inspection facility for international, private and general aviation flights. New gates to replace the aging concourse are under design and will add circulation space and upgraded amenities for CAK’s customers.
The Airport (continued…)

The Akron-Canton Airport welcomes approximately 1.3 million customers every year and offers a mix of global network airlines including, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Spirit Airlines and United Airlines.

For the year ending 2017 there were 70,323 operations and the airport’s operational budget for this fiscal year is approximately $10 million.

Most recent significant capital improvement projects, completed or underway include:

• Gate Replacement Program (construction beginning September 2018 and slated for completion in 2021) $32,000,000
• Sand Storage Facility $1,000,000
• Taxiway B rehabilitation $1,300,000

Operators at the airport include McKinley Air Transport, AvFlight, Castle Aviation and there are four corporate hangar tenants on the field: Goodyear, Timken, Smuckers, and First Energy. The airport also is home to the Ohio Army National Guard and the Military Aviation Preservation Society (MAPS) Air Museum.
The Community

Akron-Canton Airport resides in two great communities, Greater Akron and Greater Canton. Akron is located along the shores of the Ohio & Erie Canalway and the Greater Akron area includes a tri-county region of Medina, Portage and Summit counties.

Outdoor enthusiasts appreciate the adjacent Cuyahoga County Valley National Park, known for its hiking trails (125 miles worth!) and abundance of plants and wildlife. The area also has a vibrant downtown area with a thriving arts scene and Canal Park, home of the Akron RubberDucks, Akron’s minor league baseball team. The Downtown Akron Vision and Redevelopment Plan, led by community and business leaders, promises to make Akron even more exciting through initiatives that will create retail, residential and mixed-use space in a historic block of the city.

The city of Canton, in Stark County, offers many benefits of big-city living while maintaining its charm as a medium-sized Midwestern town. Nationally recognized for the Pro Football Hall of Fame and its annual Enshrinement Festival, Canton is always bustling with activity and community engagement, whether you’re a fan of sports, the arts, shopping, history, antiques or local culture.

In recent years, Canton has experienced a renaissance. At the heart of this transformation is the Pro Football Hall of Fame, with its multimillion-dollar “Hall of Fame Village” expansion project. This project has been complemented with significant investments by city leaders in urban redevelopment, which continued with the transformation of the Hotel Onesto into the Historic Onesto Lofts. Other urban renewal plans, including the redevelopment of the downtown Market Square area, are under way. Private investment has furthered Canton’s transformation, which is illustrated by the multimillion-dollar creation of Gervasi Vineyard, which draws patrons throughout the region.

Minor league teams play nearly year-round in Akron and Canton. Catch a baseball game in downtown Akron and cheer on the RubberDucks. Or if basketball is your thing, watch the Canton Charge at the Canton Memorial Civic Center near downtown. Plus, the Cleveland Browns, Cavaliers and Indians are just an hour up the road.
**Vital Stats**

The cost of living in Ohio and the Akron-Canton region consistently ranks below the national average. Whether you seek a spacious home with a big yard or your preferences lean more toward a downtown loft or maintenance-free condo, your options are affordable.

The Stark and Summit County area serves as the corporate headquarters for a variety of businesses, including TimkenSteel, GOJO, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Diebold Nixdorf, The Kenan Advantage Group, Shearer’s Foods and LG Fuel Cell Systems Inc. More than 150 Fortune 500 companies have operations in the region.

**History**

Step back in time to some very historic spots in the region. From Stan Hywet’s 65,000 square foot manor to the Nation First Ladies’ Library, many historic novelties reside here. Aviation buffs will appreciate the military and civilian aircraft at MAPS Air Museum. Also at MAPS, walk through touching galleries of heroes on display in the hangar near the Akron-Canton Airport.

Museums galore are right in our backyard, including the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum, American Toy Marble Museum, Massillon Museum, Canton Classic Car Museum, Akron Children’s Museum and the Troll Hole – a museum dedicated to Trolls!

**Why Akron-Canton?**

With rampant innovation, top-tier universities and business-friendly accommodations, you’ll find the region to be a great place to work. Akron, situated in the heart of Summit County, was once billed the Rubber Capital of the World. It’s now a magnet for polymer development. And Canton, known for its rich manufacturing heritage, is emerging as a hub for fuel-cell and wind-energy technologies, as well as oil shale exploration in Stark County. With a long list of community events and one-of-a-kind towns sprinkled in between them, Akron and Canton offer plenty in the way of work-life balance.
The Position

The President & CEO plans, develops, establishes, and oversees objectives of the airport in accordance with policies, goals, and objectives established by the President & CEO and the Akron-Canton Regional Airport Authority Board of Trustees. This position is also responsible for the day to day operation of the airport to ensure a safe, efficient and sustainable operation. These responsibilities will be accomplished by managing and directing the financial, business, security, land, planning, construction, operations, marketing and related functions of the airport through the efficient management of airport departments and personnel. The President and CEO will directly manage accounting, field maintenance, building maintenance, custodial, and operations departments (5 manager direct reports and approximately 40 employee indirect reports).

For a complete job description, click here.

Position Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor’s degree in business, public administration, aviation management or other related field required, (advanced degree preferred) and 10+ years of experience in airport management preferred. Experience in corporate management will also be considered.
Salary & Compensation

The salary for this position is $165,000 - $225,000 DOE with an attractive benefit 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: CAKCEO@adkexecutivesearch.com

B. Please complete the ADK employment application form at: ADK Application Form (this is a secure link)

Filing Deadline: Friday, April 27, 2018

Only complete electronic submissions will be considered.

Email questions to: CAKCEO@adkexecutivesearch.com