The City of Chico Invites Applications for Airport Manager

Chico Municipal Airport (CIC)

Chico, California

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The Airport

The Chico Municipal Airport is owned by the City of Chico, California. The airport covers 1,475 acres, has two runways and one helipad.

The Chico Airport Commission recommends policy direction and guidance to the City Council to ensure the vitality, growth, and operation of the airport for the benefit of the community, to meet regional needs, and to carry out the Commission's responsibilities in accordance with the Charter.

The City of Chico organization has 422 employees. One field supervisor assigned directly to the airport conducts necessary inspections, performs maintenance activities, and reports to the Airport Manager. The Airport is working hard to return commercial air service and recently concluded an attractive catchment area study that projected nearly 700 PDEW. The City of Chico has established a revenue guarantee fund and has been selected to receive a SCASD grant in the amount of $500,000. The Airport is in the process of issuing a marketing plan to market revenue guarantee program support along with commercial air service once obtained.

The Airport has an annual operating budget of $821,000 along with a robust capital improvement program. Recent capital improvement projects include phase one taxiway reconstruction with phases 2 and 3 scheduled. Runway reconstruction is also identified with an active application to the FAA. The Airport ACIP is mapped for 20-years.

Significant operators at the airport include:

- CAL FIRE Chico Air Attack Base
- Northgate Aviation Chico Jet Center (FBO)
- Air Spray Aviation Services USA
- Sel-Tech Custom Aerospace Manufacturing
- Chico Bag
The Community

Chico is a vibrant community blending a university town character with small-town charm. It is a place where you will experience a sense of belonging, where people smile and say hello to each other walking down the street. As the cultural hub of the north valley and a gateway to outdoor recreational opportunities, Chico offers affordable living and a lifestyle that is difficult to match.

Nestled in the heart of the Sacramento Valley, Chico is within a few hours’ drive of California’s large metropolitan areas, the Sierra Nevada Mountains and Lake Tahoe. Chico is located 90 miles north of Sacramento, 174 miles northeast of San Francisco and 151 miles from Napa Valley.

Residents find that Chico offers its residents a family-friendly community. Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the diversity of recreation opportunities including snow skiing within 2 hours, water sports (fishing, kayaking, water skiing and sailing) within 30 minutes, and Bidwell Park, the third largest municipal park in the USA at 3,670 acres. Residents and visitors alike enjoy all four seasons, and residents love that they can commute throughout the Greater Chico Area within 20 minutes.

Chico is also home to a plethora of major industries and companies including the Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Build.com, Enloe Hospital, Chico State University and Butte Community College.
The Community (continued)

Recognition for Chico

• California State University, Chico ranked #7 in Top Public Schools Regional Universities (West) by U.S. News & World Report (2015)
• Listed among "Best Towns" in Outside Magazine (2011)
• Among Men’s Journal “Best Places to Live in America” (2010)
• #4 Top Master’s level Public Universities from the West by U.S. News & World Report (2007)
• #5 Fastest Commute in Money Magazine's "Fastest Commute" category (2006)
• #10 Best Small Art Town in America - Ranked By Author John Villani (2004)
• #1"Best Places in America" in Forbes magazine’s (2000)

Chico by the Numbers

• Butte County’s total land area: 1,639.5 square miles
• Population: City of Chico: 112,000  
  Butte County: 217,000
• Weather: Chico’s four distinct seasons make it a beautiful place to live and work all year-round! Summers are moderate; winters are mild.
• Annual precipitation: 30 inches
• Elevation: 230 feet
• Sales tax: 7.25%
• Median home price: $367,400
The Position

The Airport Manager will report to the Public Works Director-Operations and will manage, plan, and direct airport operations, maintenance, construction, economic development, marketing, and long term planning activities; implement policies and procedures; ensure compliance; and develop programs and strategies to maximize the potential of the Chico Municipal Airport as a municipal enterprise.

The Ideal Candidate

The ideal candidate will have knowledge of:
Principles and practices of aviation facility operation and development; familiarity with Federal Aviation Regulations Part 139, FAA Advisory Circulars, Code of Federal Regulations Part 1542 and the California Aeronautics Program regulations, the FAA Airport Improvement Program grant process and grant assurances; functions of economic development; airport master plans; airport land use and zoning regulations; preparation and negotiation of airport leases, contracts, and agreements; aviation practices and terminology; airport certification, security, and emergency manuals; budget development and expenditure control; principles of supervision, administration, and training.

For a complete job description, click here.
Position Requirements

To be considered for this position, candidates are preferred to have five years of increasingly responsible experience in airport administration with knowledge of FAA regulations and grant programs. The position requires direct experience in the establishment, implementation, and maintenance of airport facilities, related policies and procedures, as well as grant and project management. Supervisory management experience at a non-hub primary airport is desirable.

Education should be equivalent to a Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in aviation management, public or business administration, or a closely related field. Accredited Airport Executive certification by the American Association of Airport Executives is desirable.

Salary & Benefits

The salary range for this position is $78,956.80 – $108,846.40 DOE with an attractive benefits package.

How to Apply:

To apply for this position online, click here.

Deadline for applications: Sunday, March 22, 2020

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