The Lincoln Airport Authority Invites Applicants for
Director of Planning & Development
Lincoln, Nebraska (LNK)

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The Airport

**Lincoln Airport** (LNK), formerly known as **Lincoln Municipal Airport**, is a joint public/military use airport located four nautical miles (7 km) northwest of the central business district of Lincoln, the state capital and second-largest city, located in Lancaster County, Nebraska, United States. It is owned by the Lincoln Airport Authority.

The airport is served by Delta and United with service to Minneapolis, Chicago, Denver and Atlanta. In 2017, LNK saw over 324,000 passengers pass through the terminal, down 4% from 2016. The 100,000 +/- sq. ft. terminal building has four gates all served by loading bridges. LNK’s 84 employees oversee a budget for year 2018 that is just over $23 million with a capital budget of over $2.4 million.

The 12,901 foot primary runway enables the operation of large jet aircraft that are primarily used by Nebraska Air National Guard KC-135s and medium and wide body charter flights used by visiting college football teams which play the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

The airport is also home to several FBOs, including Duncan Aviation, a large family-owned aircraft maintenance and refurbishing company. Duncan Aviation has several hangars on the east side of the airport, as well as parts storage on the west side of the airport, employing over 1300 people.

In addition to Duncan Aviation, there is also a robust “local” general aviation community with approximately 180 based aircraft served primarily by a local FBO, Silverhawk Aviation. Demands for hangar space are such that an expansion of the G.A. area will be needed within the next few years.

The Lincoln Airport is home to the Nebraska Air National Guard, 155th Air Refueling Wing operating KC-135 aircraft. In addition, there is a large Army National Guard facility that operates Blackhawk helicopters at LNK and the State National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters is located at LNK.
The Airport (continued)

The Lincoln Airport Authority also operates a 1,000 acre industrial park located generally north and west of the Lincoln Airport. It was originally the site of Lincoln Air Force Base and tenants include Sensory Effects, Lincoln Composites, Duncan Aviation, HTI Plastics, TI Tech (Tri-con) and Daitron among others. The park is zoned I-1 Industrial and the majority of users are warehousing and manufacturing.

The Park contains numerous amenities such as developed streets and utility systems, rail access from BNSF and access to the runway and taxiway system. All land and buildings are available for lease only with flexible leasing arrangements and exemptions from property taxes.

In 2010, the Airport Authority, City of Lincoln and Partnership for Economic Development began the planning process for the development of the northern half of the park. Dubbed Nebraska Rail Center, the area will have several sites over 50 acres with BNSF and Union Pacific rail access. The first phase of the project began in 2012.

Lincoln has a 2,000 acre allotment in a three-county area designated under the Foreign Trade Zone’s Alternative Site Framework program. FTZ 59 is administered by the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

The Lincoln zone has one general purpose zone user (Novartis) and three sub zone users, Kawasaki, CNH in Grand Island and Cabelas in Sidney. The three-county area eligible for general purpose zone activity includes Lancaster, Seward and Otoe Counties. A 372-acre magnet site was established in 2011 and is located generally at the Lincoln Airpark West site. The program is administered federally by the Foreign Trade Zone Board through the U.S. Department of Commerce.
The Lincoln Community

It’s been said that Lincoln, Nebraska is the perfect blend of great people, innovation, affordable business costs, and quality of life. People less familiar with this Midwestern community may wonder exactly what draws so many businesses and families to the area. A closer look at this growing city, however, reveals plenty of opportunities for success. It’s a great place to start or expand your business—and a great place to call home.

What makes Lincoln so great? The answer can’t be narrowed down to just one thing. The city offers an array of benefits including a productive workforce, an innovative spirit, a pro-business climate and a great quality of life. Lincoln has consistently been ranked among the top cities in the United States for job seekers.

Lincoln also provides advantages to companies based on health and health costs. WalletHub recently ranked Lincoln among the top 25 healthiest and happiest cities in the United States.

One local manufacturer reports health insurance costs at 50% of the national average for its industry. This is a combination of healthy workers and affordable and available health care providers. Bryan Health and Saint Elizabeth’s Health Systems are major providers of health care for not just Lincoln, but a multi-state region.

Finally, quality of life for Lincoln workers is defined by spending power and the ability to make income last longer. According to Bestplaces.net, Lincoln’s cost of living is 8% lower than the U.S. average and housing costs are 17% lower.

Location - Lincoln is located nearly equidistant between New York and Los Angeles on Interstate 80 the only coast-to-coast interstate.

Given its central location, all major Midwestern markets are accessible within a single day’s drive. In addition, Lincoln is less than three hours from anywhere in the United States via direct air flight. Major interstates and highways running through and adjacent to Lincoln include Interstate 80 (east-west), and US highways 2, 6, 34, and 77. Access to Interstate 29 (north-south) is less than one hour from Lincoln. A bypass routes U.S. 77 around Lincoln on the west.

Situated in the upper Midwest region of the country, Lincoln enjoys the full range of seasons. Seasonal averages are 51°F in spring, 75 in summer, 52 in fall and 26 in winter.
The Lincoln Community (continued)

Cultural Amenities, Recreation & Sport

Lincoln is home to a 2,400 seat performing arts center and the Pinnacle Bank Arena, a 16,000 seat entertainment arena, which collectively serve as host venues for UNL basketball, a professional symphony, chamber orchestra, jazz orchestra, ballet company and other major entertainment opportunities. Lincoln also boasts the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, renowned for its significant collection of 20th century American art. In addition, a state-of-the-art film center offers a variety of quality presentations from American independent and foreign films, to classics, documentaries and experimental films for public viewing.

There are dozens of golf courses, parks and playgrounds located throughout the Lincoln area. There are also several public swimming pools, including a water park, a children’s zoo and a public observatory. Fishing and boating are plentiful at the many state recreation areas in and around the Lincoln area. Racing enthusiasts enjoy events at three local raceways from April to September.

Lincoln has an extensive 128 mile hiker-biker trail system. Considered one of the best in the region, the trail system uses converted rail lines to make an enjoyable way for bikers and pedestrians to tour the city and surrounding region at their leisure. The area is home to a professional baseball team, a Tier I Junior league ice hockey team and nationally ranked college athletic programs. Lincoln hosts numerous state high school championships and NCAA regional tournaments. Lincoln also offers four large soccer venues, premier junior volleyball facilities, and a variety of recreational and club leagues for children of all ages.

In Lincoln, you can also:

• Enjoy a concert at the outdoor Pinewood Bowl venue tucked in Pioneers Park or indoors at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. Lincoln also boasts a local music scene with an array of smaller venues.

• Enjoy 20th-century American art at the Sheldon Museum of Art.

• Check out the action with professional baseball, USHL hockey and NCAA Division 1 athletics.

• Take your children to the Lincoln Children’s Museum, the city’s water park or the Lincoln Children’s Zoo.

Important Links:

Lincoln Airport
Downtown Lincoln Association
City of Lincoln
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau
The Position

Under the direction of the Executive Director, the Director of Planning and Development is responsible for conceptualizing, developing, implementing and overseeing all initiatives and activities regarding planning, engineering, environmental and developmental activities of the Authority. Examples of applicable efforts shall include, but not be limited to, development and oversight of the Airport Capital Improvement Program, management of multiple capital improvement projects, oversight of all facets of any federal or state grant process, administration of DBE programs and development of non-aeronautical land and facilities. Serves as the primary contact between Authority and Federal/State grant agencies, consultants and contractors and a primary point of contact for site selectors and prospective tenants.

For a complete job description, [click here](#).

Required or Preferred Qualifications, Education & Experience

- Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited university in architecture, engineering, business administration, management, planning or a related field.
- Master’s degree is preferred in engineering, planning, public administration or business administration OR advanced certification (P.E., A.A.E., etc.)
- The ideal candidate will have at least 6 years of airport experience, with at least 3 in a senior role at a US Airport with moderate air carrier service, dealing directly with issues related to planning and development.
- Preference given for 5 years’ experience in construction and the management of construction projects.
- 5 years’ experience working with FAA and other regulatory agencies.
- Experience with grant programs and compliance (AIP, PFC’s, etc.) is preferred.
The starting salary for the Director of Planning and Development is $90,000 - $110,000 with an attractive range of benefits.

How to Apply:

To apply online, please click here.

Filing Deadline: July 13, 2018