

The Roanoke Regional Airport Commission invites applications for

## Director of Planning & Engineering

Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (ROA)

Roanoke, Virginia

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## The Airport

**The Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport** is owned and operated by the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission, a fully independent governmental body created in 1987 pursuant to Chapter 140 of the Virginia Acts of Assembly. The Commission is governed by five Commissioners, three of whom are appointed by the City of Roanoke and two by the County of Roanoke. The Commission employs approximately 60 employees.

The Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport is the primary commercial service airport for all of western Virginia. The Airport's service area encompasses 19 counties (including portions of eastern West Virginia) with a total population of nearly 850,000. The airport is classified by the FAA as non-hub primary.

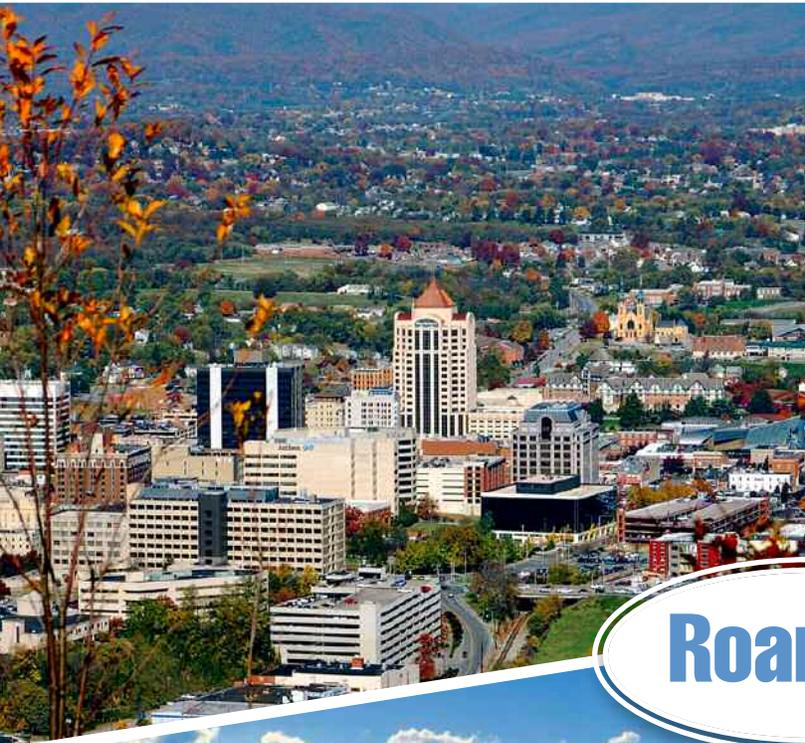
The Airport operates a 95,000 square foot terminal constructed in 1989 and updated in 2013. Four carriers currently provide air service at ROA, American, Delta and Delta Express, United Express and Allegiant Air. Together, these airlines offer approximately 21 daily departures to six major hubs, and two Florida destinations. Commercial passenger service is provided in the form of regional jet and mainline jet aircraft.

Passenger traffic has increased the last three years with double-digit growth year to date in 2019. Passenger traffic for 2018 was over 660,000 and 2019 is on pace to be over 700,000. In addition to passenger service, Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport is served regularly by overnight freight carriers FedEx and UPS. Total air freight handled in 2018 was 13,695 tons.

The airfield consists of approximately 900 acres, with two runways. The primary runway is 6,802 feet long and the intersecting crosswind runway is 5,800 feet long. The airport is served by an FAA air traffic control tower with local and TRACON services 24 hours per day. Approximately 90 general aviation aircraft are based at the Airport. There are two FBOs located on the field, one full-service FBO and one specialty FBO. General Aviation operations in 2018 totaled 48,620.

Future capital projects in the next two years include the construction of a new consolidated rental car facility, repaving and striping of the parking lots, a Master Plan and multiple smaller projects. The Airport has a FY19/20 operating budget of more than \$9.4 million.





# Roanoke

## The Community

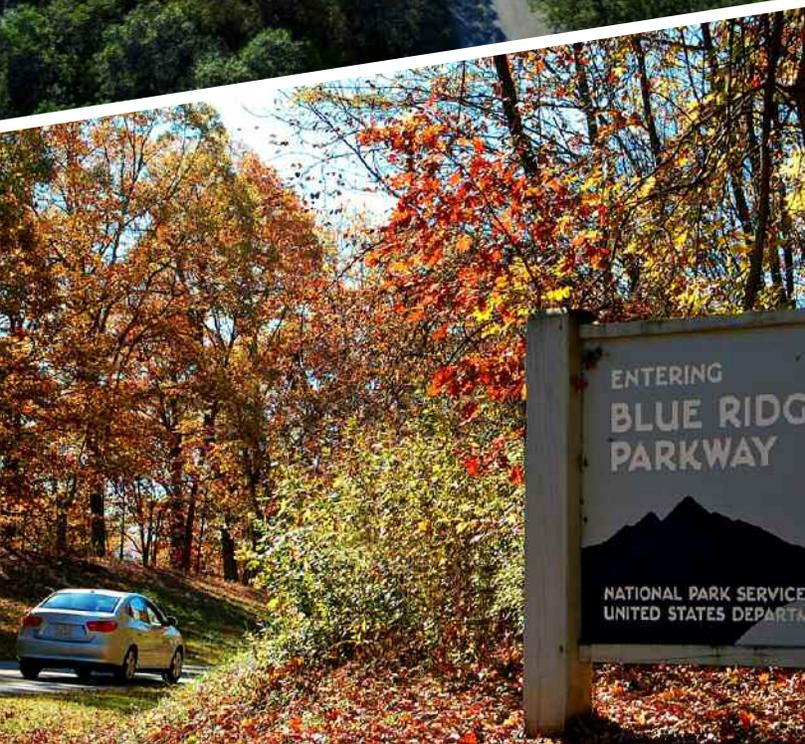
From cities to suburbs to lakefront living to rural farmland, the Roanoke Region offers it all for a variety of lifestyles. Wherever you land, you're surrounded by the natural beauty of the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains. Roanoke is the largest city on both the Appalachian Trail and Blue Ridge Parkway. You're close to the tranquil waters of Smith Mountain Lake and the James River. And you're never far from the entertainment, culture, retail, and commerce of the largest metro area in southwestern Virginia. The Roanoke Valley enjoys all four seasons, however, the summers and winters are never too extreme (average temperatures of 75 degrees in the heat of summer and 34 degrees in the middle of winter).



The outdoors combine breathtaking venues for running, water sports, cycling, climbing, hiking, and fishing. Opportunities for spectator sports include Virginia Tech football and basketball, Boston Red Sox Single A Baseball, the Roanoke Railyard Dawgs, a member of the Southern Professional Hockey League as well as a variety of collegiate athletics at the many colleges and universities in the area. The Blue Ridge Marathon is billed as America's most difficult due to the elevation gains. Roanoke is minutes from the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Appalachian Trail. The region is home to the second largest municipal park in the United States: Carvin's Cove Nature Reserve, a 12,700 acre park with an 800-acre lake and over 40 miles of trails.

## Academically Minded

The Roanoke Region is the center of a larger area encompassing 21 institutions of higher education. From liberal arts colleges to a prestigious research institution, the Roanoke Region has nearly 125,000 undergraduate and graduate students being educated for the future. That's a higher concentration of undergraduates than in the Boston-Cambridge, San Francisco-Oakland, Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill and Austin areas.



The largest university in the area served by the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport is Virginia Tech, a prestigious and internationally renowned research institution. As a leader in scientific and technological development, Virginia Tech has educated hundreds of scientists and engineers as well as leading business professionals and academic leaders.

## The Community *(continued...)*

Roanoke is home to the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute, a joint venture between Virginia Tech and Carilion Clinic, our largest health care provider. The campus includes a medical school and research institute pioneering work in Cancer research, Cardiovascular Science, Immunity and Infection, Neuroscience and Regeneration and Rehabilitation. The facilities draw top doctors and researchers from all over the world and regularly offer their research at events open to the public.

## Arts & Culture

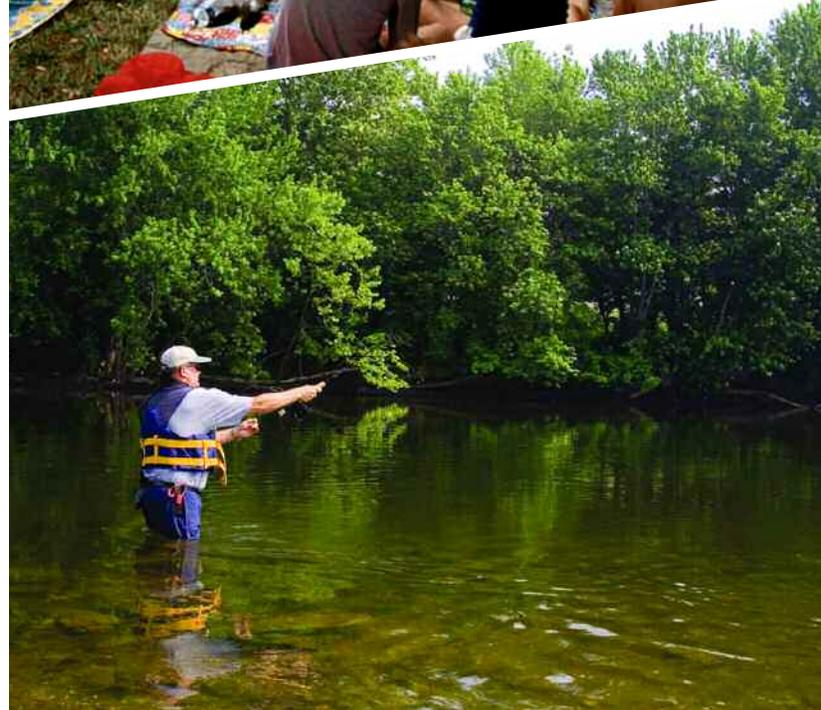
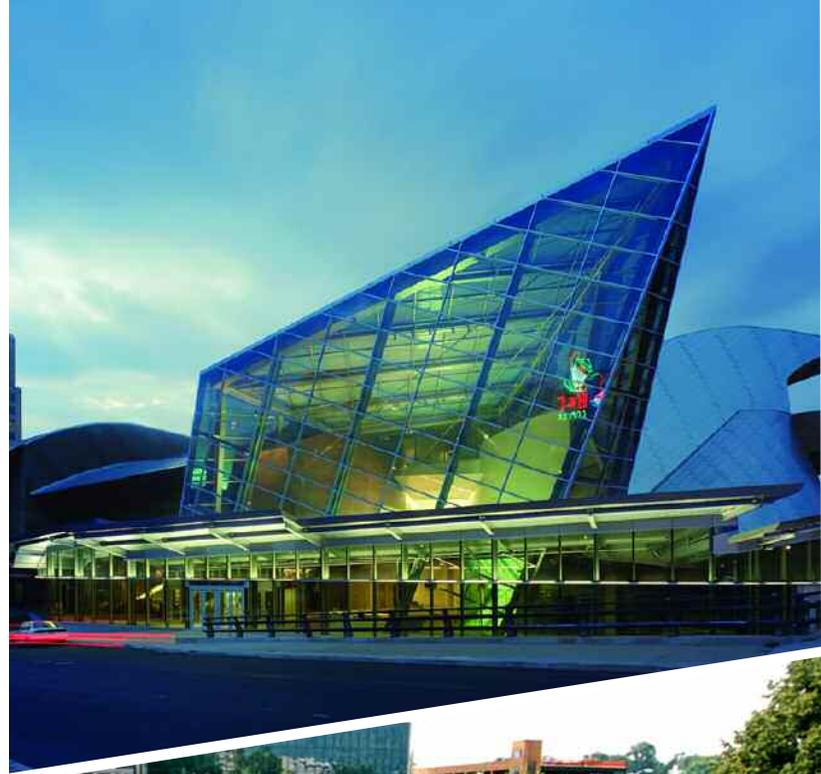
From ancient artifacts to the latest scientific developments, the Roanoke Region is an exhibition of human and natural wonders. With many museums throughout the Roanoke Region, there is plenty to be explored. Take a trip back in time at the Botetourt County Historical Museum. Learn about the influence of the railroads at the C&O Heritage Center. From regional to internationally renowned works, classical and modern, the region's museums feature diverse collections exhibiting works of multiple genres and historical periods. The Taubman Museum of Art maintains a collection of contemporary 19th and 20th Century American Art.

The Roanoke Region hosts everything from Broadway shows to local originals. Get your fix of standup comedy, music, and community theater. Music is as much a part of the Roanoke Region as the mountains that frame the surroundings. From nationally renowned Roanoke Symphony Orchestra to talented a cappella, there is always music in the air. The Southwest Virginia Ballet Company consists of talented young performers who tour during the year and the company provides training for pre-professional dancers of all ages.

## Outdoors

In addition to friendly competition with friends and family over 18 holes on a scenic mountain golf course, residents and visitors enjoy Salem Red Sox baseball at one of the most impressive ballparks in minor league sports. College sports are on the agenda, too, including Virginia Tech football in nearby Blacksburg.

The Roanoke Region is committed to making outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship a core component of life. Biking, birding, boating, camping, caving, hiking, sailing, canoeing, climbing and more... whatever your outdoor pleasures, they are nearby and accessible.





## The Community *(continued...)*

### Festivals & Events

From annual celebrations to monthly events, there is always something happening in the Roanoke Region. The strong presence of an artistic community lends itself to the many festivals and events held throughout the region: Art by Night, Big Lick Blues Festival, Blues Ridge Folk Life Festival, Dickens of a Christmas, Festival in the Park, Local Colors (including the Parade of Nations with citizens representing 70 countries), FiddleFest, FloydFest, Pumpkin Fest and many, many more. And just in case you are guided by your stomach, stop by our many Farmers' Markets or food festivals including the Virginia State Chili Cook Off, Strawberry Festival, Virginia Mountain Peach Festival or Microfestivus.



## Roanoke & The Region

Combining the four counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke, as well as the two cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the town of Vinton, the Roanoke Region encompasses over 1,700 square miles at an average elevation of 1,149 feet. There are more than 300,000 people who call the Roanoke Region their home, and over a half million more who use it as their regional center for health care, transportation, employment, shopping and entertainment.

In late 2013, the Airport Commission added Blacksburg to the Airport's name in recognition of Blacksburg being the largest metropolitan area in the nearby New River Valley area, an area with close and growing economic ties to the Roanoke Region and the source of nearly one-third of the Airport's passengers.

# Roanoke & the Region

## Cost Of Living

Roanoke enjoys a low cost of living and ranks consistently lower than the national average according to the American Chamber of Commerce, which combined with an excellent public school system make it a great place to raise a family.

## Important Links

- [Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport](#)
- [Roanoke Valley CVB](#)
- [Roanoke County](#)
- [Virginia is for Lovers](#)
- [Appalachian Trail](#)



## The Position

Under the supervision of the Executive Director, **The Director of Planning & Engineering** is responsible for leading and managing the Department of Planning and Engineering, which includes, all airport facility planning functions, capital improvement program, environmental program/compliance, and sustainability initiatives; operations, and supervising the Operations Manager.

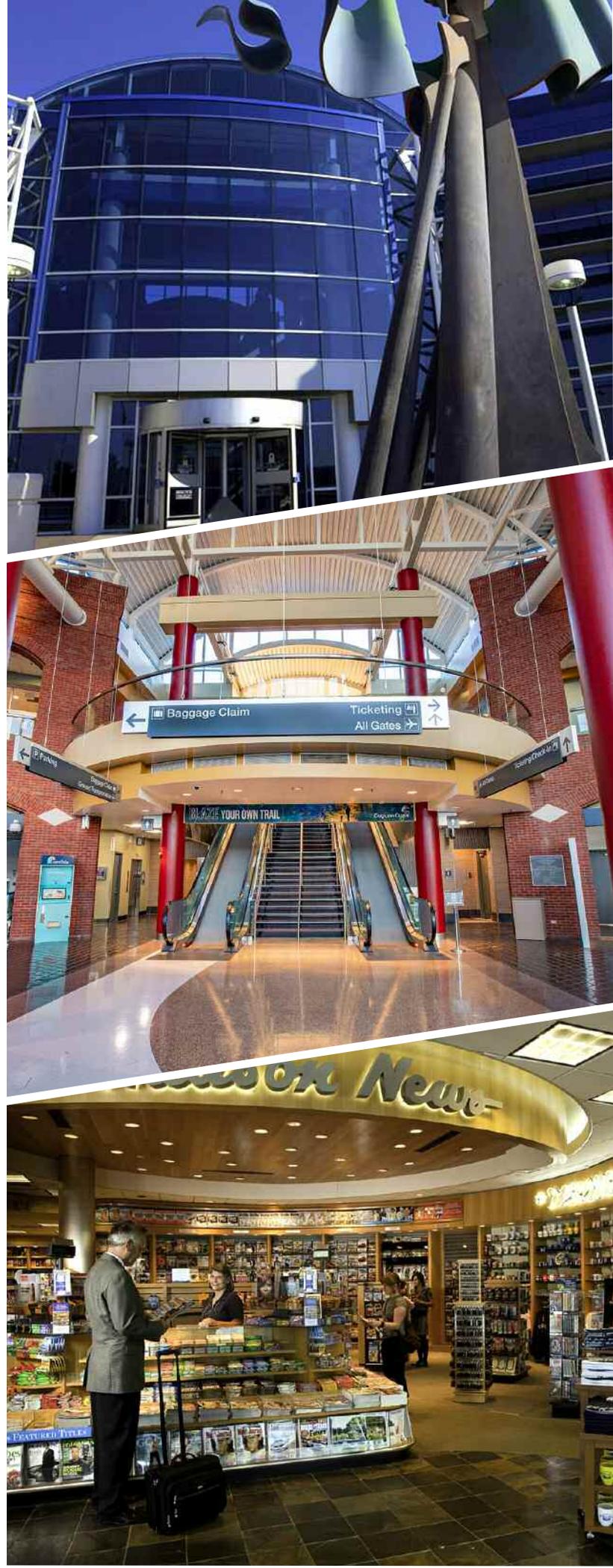
## Position Qualifications

To be considered, a candidate must have a bachelor's degree in engineering, construction management, planning, or a closely related field; a minimum of eight (8) years of professional experience in engineering design, engineering project administration and inspection, construction management, or airport planning, and a minimum of three (3) years as a project manager for construction or planning projects at one or more commercial service airports. Professional Registration as an Engineer or Planner is not required but is desired.

## Special Requirements

The successful candidate must meet and maintain Transportation Security Administration and Commission security requirements for unescorted access to the Airport's Secured Area, SIDA and other Air Operations Areas; must possess or promptly obtain a valid Virginia driver's license; must have and maintain an insurable driving record acceptable to the Commission's insurance carrier(s).

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





## Compensation & Benefits:

The salary range for this position is \$96,522 - \$138,752. A starting salary at the mid-point of \$111,000 may be possible for the exceptional candidate. There is also an excellent benefit package including relocation assistance.



## How to Apply

To apply online for this position, [click here](#).

**Deadline for applications:  
Friday, October 18, 2019.**

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The Roanoke Regional Airport Commission is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability or protected veteran status.  
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