The City of Santa Barbara invites applications for
Airport Operations Manager
Santa Barbara Municipal Airport (SBA)
Santa Barbara, California

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The Santa Barbara Airport is owned and operated by the City of Santa Barbara, Airport Department, and has provided commercial and general aviation transportation to the region for more than 80 years. Located approximately 10 miles west of downtown Santa Barbara, the Airport is conveniently located near U.S. Highway 101. SBA is the busiest airport between Los Angeles and San Jose carrying approximately 660,000 passengers annually. SBA is the 13th busiest airport in California and the 137th busiest commercial services airport in the United States. It is an integral part of the transportation system and an economic engine for the region generating a quarter billion dollars of revenue in taxes, sales, and employment to the local community.

The Airline Terminal complex consists of a two-story, 72,000 square foot, Spanish Revival building with three glass-boarding bridges, the 6,700 square foot historic terminal, and the short and long-term parking lots within walking distance of the Terminal. Passenger amenities include a news and gift shop, a full service bar and restaurant in the passenger holding area, a restaurant outside of the secured boarding area, free WIFI, car rental facilities, and ground transportation.

Three passenger airlines, Alaska, American, and United provide year-around service. SBA offers daily non-stop flights to Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Phoenix, Denver, Dallas and Los Angeles and one-stop flights to anywhere in the world. Year-end enplanements for the calendar year ending 2016 were more than 332,000 under a strong enplanement growth trend. Year-to-date 2017, enplanements are nearly 14% higher than the same period in 2016 due to airline upgauging across all carriers and destinations.

The Airport has a number of significant capital improvement projects in process, most of which are part of the Airport's master plan. Examples include main runway resurfacing, Taxiway H extension project, construction of a commercial/light industrial development and relocation of the airport’s two Fixed Base Operators, Signature Flight Support and Atlantic Aviation.

There are 61 employees under leadership of the Airport Director, Operations Manager, Facilities Manager and Business Development Manager. The FY 2018 Operating Budget is $21.8 million, which includes debt service.
The Community

Santa Barbara is among the world’s most desirable places to work and live. Nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Santa Ynez Mountains, Santa Barbara represents the essence of Southern California — the art and culture of a metropolitan city with the heart and hospitality of a small, beautiful coastal town. Located just 90 miles north of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara provides a unique living environment. The City offers its approximately 90,000 residents a year-round mild climate with an average temperature in the 70s, magnificent beaches, mountains and parks within minutes of a bustling downtown.

Among the City’s many amenities are excellent healthcare services, abundant shopping and dining, harbor facilities, a municipal golf course and an active civic community life. Institutions of higher learning include the University of California at Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara City College, Westmont College, Antioch University and the Santa Barbara College of Law. With so many choices of restaurants, cultural events, outdoor recreations and leisure activities, Santa Barbara offers something for every taste and lifestyle. Santa Barbara is truly a magnificent and unique place to live and work.

Santa Barbara is a 2-hour drive north from Los Angeles or a short hop from any corner of the world via the Santa Barbara airport. Santa Barbara’s harbor is home to the world famous Stearns Wharf, a great destination for the entire family. From the City, you are just minutes away from the Santa Barbara wine country. The gorgeous Santa Ynez Valley, with its breathtaking vistas, is home to such notable attractions as Danish-inspired Solvang and the Chumash Casino Resort.
The Position

The Airport Operations Manager is one of the top four positions at the airport and is a managerial level airport administration position requiring professional knowledge and supervisory accountabilities. This position requires a thorough knowledge of hub carrier airport laws and is distinguished from supervisory staff by its understanding of operational standards, and safety and security regulations. Work is performed in accordance with policies established by the Airport Director. The Airport Operations Manager class is distinguished from the Airport Operations Supervisor, and the Airport Patrol Supervisor by its broader accountability for interdivisional operations, projects, and compliance monitoring, and greater scope of supervision and policy-making authority.

Under administrative direction, the Airport Operations Manager manages and coordinates the operations and security of the City’s airport; ensures that Airport operating practices comply with a range of State and federal safety laws, operating regulations, and environmental requirements; coordinates airport construction projects and manages staff.

For a complete job description, click here.

Position Preferences

The successful candidate will have a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in airport management, public administration, business administration or related field and five years of managerial experience in the operation of a small hub Air Carrier municipal airport. Possession of a Pilot’s License and operational understanding of aircraft are desirable, as is C.M. or A.A.E. accreditation through the American Association of Airport Executives. The candidate who is ultimately hired must have the ability to become certified as an Airport Security Coordinator (ASC) for the Santa Barbara Municipal Airport.
Salary & Compensation

The salary range for this position is $115,529.44 – $135,564.72 with an excellent 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 résumé 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: SBAOPS@adkexecutivesearch.com

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

Filing Deadline:
Sunday, July 23, 2017

Only complete electronic submissions will be considered.

Email questions to: SBAOPS@adkexecutivesearch.com

The Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) is an equal opportunity employer.