



**SHREVEPORT  
REGIONAL  
AIRPORT**

**The Shreveport Airport Authority Invites Applications for**

# **Director of Airports**

**Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV)  
Shreveport Downtown Airport (DTN)**

**Shreveport, Louisiana**

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## The Airport

The Shreveport Airport Authority (Authority) is charged with the operation and maintenance of Shreveport Downtown Airport (DTN), a general aviation airport, and Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV), a commercial small hub airport. Both airports serve the citizens of Shreveport and the surrounding region, including North Louisiana, East Texas, and Southwest Arkansas. Combined, there are more than 40 scheduled arriving and departing daily flights among the 4 carriers that serve SHV. Besides the direct destinations, travelers from Shreveport can connect to nearly 250 other domestic and international destinations through one-stop service at the cities served by American, Delta, United, and Allegiant. The Authority is represented by a five-person voluntary board which serves on rotating terms. The board members are appointed on a staggered basis by the Mayor of Shreveport. The Director of Airports (Director) reports to the Authority.

AeroPark, the Shreveport Regional Airport Industrial Park, is a premier aviation facility has more than 220 acres of prime land available for development, offering industry the opportunity for immediate expansion or relocation. This central U.S. location makes the park readily accessible for any aircraft/aerospace-related industry requiring taxiways and ramp access. Plus, AeroPark offers access to two interstates, warehouse and distribution facilities and private office space. From Shreveport, one can easily connect their business with the world. The park is owned by the City of Shreveport under the management of the Authority.

Operated by a staff of approximately 88 employees, the Authority has a current operating budget of nearly \$24 million and a capital budget of \$3.5 million dollars. In 2018, more than 629,000 passengers flew through SHV and annual operations were nearly 44,000. Major tenants at SHV include Western Global Airlines' maintenance facility and the TacAir FBO facilities.





## Welcome to Shreveport-Bossier

There's a side of Louisiana with which you may not be familiar. You have to experience it to fully understand. The northwest corner of the state, in and around Shreveport-Bossier, is a little different than the rest of Louisiana. We're a mixture of spicy Cajun attitude and wide-open Texas spirit.

With six riverboat casinos and one horseracing track and casino, we offer our own brand of alluring bright lights and fast-paced gaming action. Let our exclusive boutiques fuel your shopping urge, or explore endless options at the Louisiana Boardwalk – the largest outlet, lifestyle, dining and entertainment destination in Louisiana.

# Shreveport -Bossier

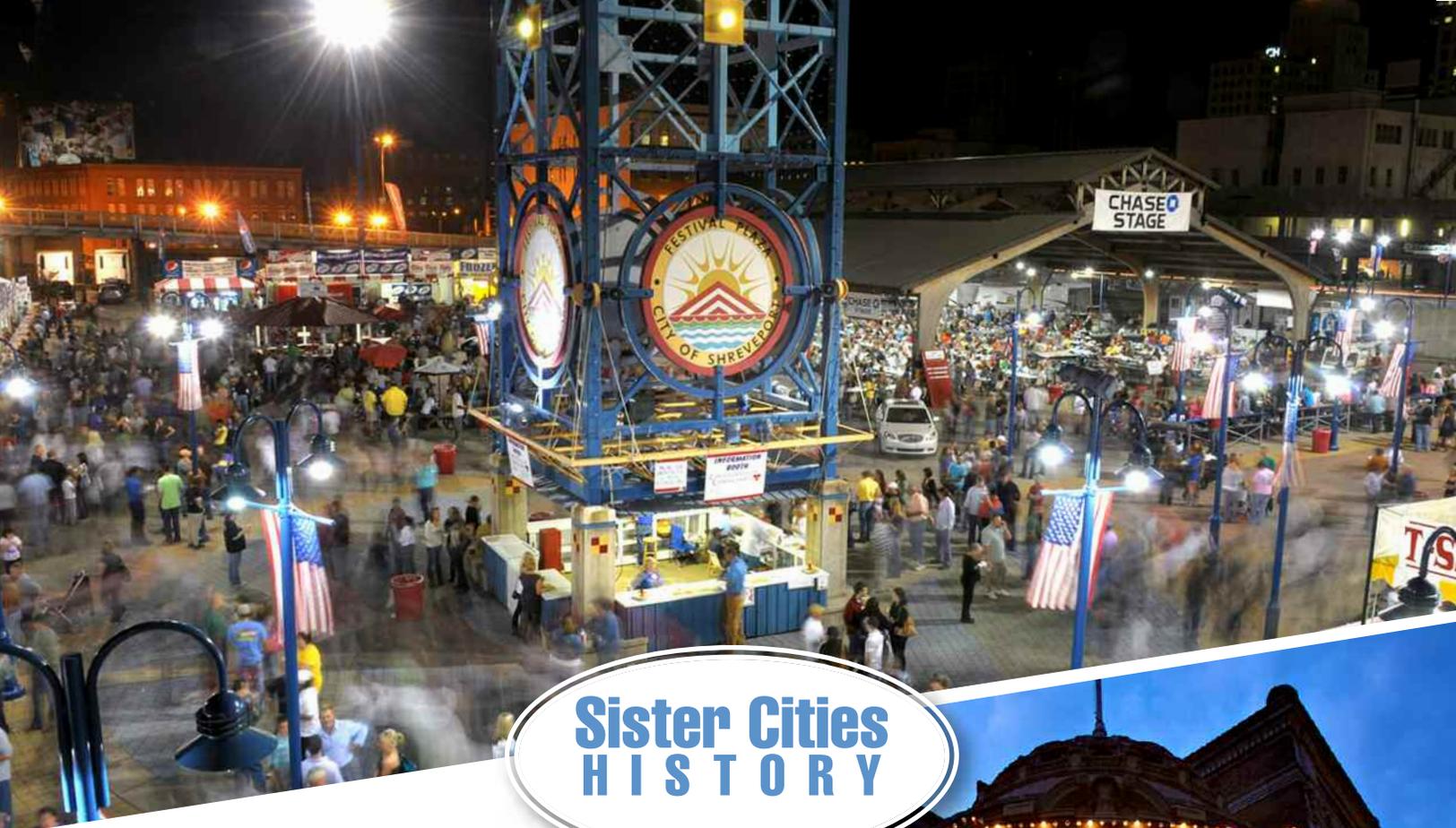


Revel in our family-oriented Mardi Gras celebrations as you reach for your share of more than eight million beads and other throws. Take in a foreign, classic, or independent film at the dynamic Robinson Film Center in downtown Shreveport after dining on the balcony at Abby Singer's Bistro. Relive our rich history with a tour of the Municipal Auditorium, where Elvis Presley got his start on the Louisiana Hayride.

Explore the stars through interactive exhibits at Sci-Port: Louisiana's Science Center. Go on an undersea adventure at Shreveport Aquarium. Head outdoors to view and zip line over alligators in their natural habitat at Gators and Friends Alligator Park and Exotic Zoo or take a short drive from the city and relax with swimming, boating or fishing at Cypress Black Bayou.

After you've worked up an appetite, sink your teeth into savory Cajun and Creole traditions and full-flavored Southern cuisine at Herby-K's, have some of the best Mexican food in the region at Superior Grill, or have a muffy at Fertitta's Delicatessen. These are just a few of the dining and entertainment options that make Shreveport-Bossier City so unique.





# Sister Cities HISTORY

## History

The sister cities of Shreveport and Bossier City have been here for more than 175 years. The Caddo Indians were the first to call the area home, and shortly after, early pioneers discovered the rich, fertile land along the Red River.

The formal establishment of our cities began with the Shreve Town Company – a group of eight businessmen who were determined to establish a town. They obtained the land from Larkin Edwards, who had acquired it from the Caddo Indians.

Though the land was fertile, the river was unavailable due to the “Great Raft,” a 165-mile-long logjam. In the 1830s, steamboat captain Henry Miller Shreve cleared the logjam, opening the way for trade and allowing Shreveport to grow. The city was incorporated in 1839.

Shortly after, neighboring Cane’s Landing, a small trading post in the 1840s, began to grow. In 1907, the site was officially named Bossier City. In the 1930s, Barksdale Air Force Base arrived to become the world’s largest airfield of that era and a key player in World War II.





## Shake, Rattle & Roses...

Hailed as the place where Elvis got his start on the Louisiana Hayride at Municipal Auditorium, Shreveport-Bossier was the nurturing ground for early blues and a special brand of music called rockabilly. From 1948 to 1960, the Louisiana Hayride was a live radio program broadcast by KWKH from the auditorium. On October 16, 1954, Elvis made his first of 50 Hayride appearances.

Shreveport music legend Huddie “Lead Belly” Ledbetter was born on a plantation in 1885 in nearby Mooringsport. He became known as “King of the 12-string blues” and wrote many timeless songs, the most notable of which are “Goodnight Irene” and “House of the Rising Sun.” A life-sized statue of him stands at Texas and Marshall Streets in downtown Shreveport. He died in 1949 and was interred in the cemetery of Shiloh Baptist Church in Mooringsport, about 13 miles outside of Shreveport. The Lead Belly Blues Festival, held each spring, is a tribute to Lead Belly’s legacy.

## Shake, Rattle and Roses

The R.W. Norton Art Gallery, which opened in 1966, showcases American and European art in a 20-room gallery. The complex is located on 40 landscaped acres with 40,000 azaleas, ponds and gardens and more than 10,000 plants. Among other treasures, tour highlights include the works of American greats Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell, and antique books, including an extremely rare, five-volume double-elephant folio by James Audubon.

The Robinson Film Center in downtown Shreveport is a dynamic venue for independent, international and classic cinema, as well as a popular downtown dining destination. The film center regularly hosts film festivals as well as special screenings featuring the likes of Val Kilmer, Oliver Stone, Nicolas Cage and Matthew Broderick. It’s located in the West Edge Arts District in downtown Shreveport.

Journey to Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City to hear more about this key player in World War II. The Eighth Air Force Museum, which features more than 30 historic aircraft, chronicles the history of the base and that of the nation.

For a complete list of things to see and do, visit [www.Shreveport-Bossier.org](http://www.Shreveport-Bossier.org).



## Position & Organizational Structure

The Authority will nominate a Director of Airports candidate for appointment by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. The Director of Airports is the chief executive officer of the Authority and is fully responsible for directing the activities and operations at SHV and DTN. The Director is an exempt position within the Unclassified Service of the City and is solely responsible to the Chairman and Members of the Authority. The Shreveport Airport Authority, identified in section 13.06 of the Shreveport City Charter, is a subdepartment of the office of the mayor.

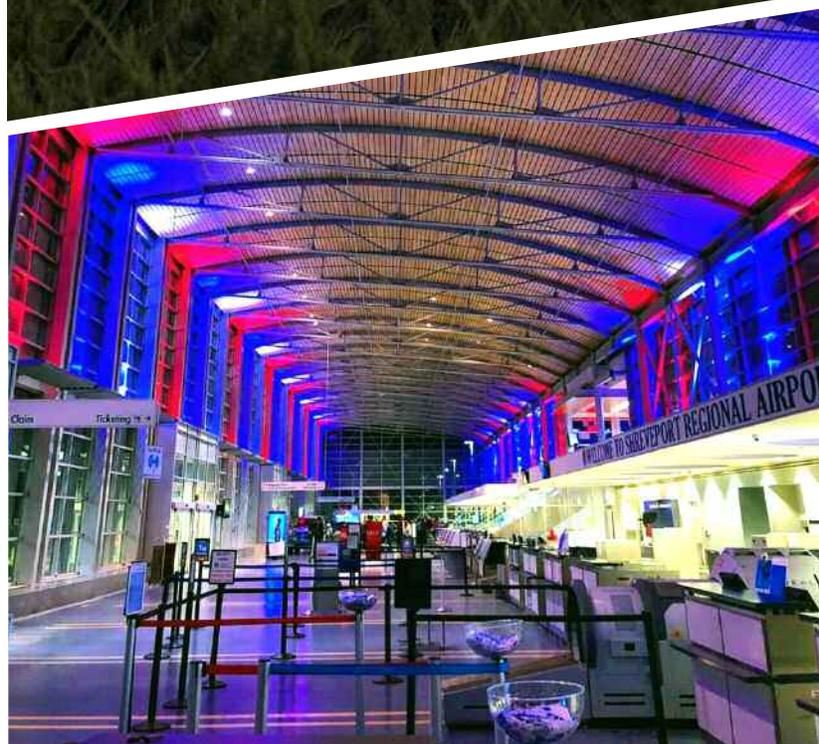
The administrative organization of the Authority is comprised of a professional staff including the following positions which report to the Director: Deputy Director of Airports; Manager of Business and Finance; Manager of Marketing and Public Relations; Special Project Manager; Downtown Airport Manager; and Chief of Airport Security.

Although not directly responsible to anyone other than the Chairman and Members of the Authority, the Director works closely with and attends staff meetings of the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Shreveport, maintains an open and working relationship with the city's personnel director and interacts with other city officials and departmental personnel as appropriate.

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

## Position Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have: a baccalaureate or advanced degree in airport administration, business administration, public administration or related field; any combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job. At least five (5) years of progressively responsible senior management experience and Senior Leadership at a public, commercial service airport. A.A.E accreditation is a plus.





## Compensation & Benefits

Salary is \$115,000-\$150,000 with an excellent benefit package including:

- Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance
- Disability and Life Insurance
- Retirement Plans (457)
- Vacation and Sick Leave
- Ten Paid Holidays
- Vehicle
- Relocation Benefits negotiable

## How to Apply:

To apply online, please [click here](#).

**Filing Deadline:**  
**Friday, July 26, 2019**



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