



MOJAVE
AIR & SPACE PORT

The Mojave Air & Space Port Invites Applications for
Chief Executive Officer

Mojave Air & Space Port (MHV)

Mojave, California

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The Mojave Air & Space Port

The Mojave Airport was first opened in 1935 as a small, rural airfield serving the local gold and silver mining industry. In July 1942, the U.S. Marine Corps took over the field and vastly expanded it as the Marine Corps Auxiliary Air Station (MCAAS) Mojave. In 1961, Kern County obtained title to the airport. The airfield's name was changed to its current name at the start of 2013.

Mojave is best known as a civilian flight test center, home of the Voyager aircraft and SpaceShipOne. F-4 Phantom II fighter jets were given a second life in Mojave by BAE Systems. Retired F-4s were converted to fly without a pilot on board to serve as a target drone for military RADAR and missile testing.

Mojave Air and Space Port emerged as the leading aerospace test center for commercial operations in North America. No longer a sleepy high desert general aviation Mojave Airport destination, Mojave Air and Space Port has amassed more first flights and significant newsworthy flight activity than any other airport in the world over the past ten years.

Mojave Air and Space Port is currently home to more than 50 companies engaged in highly advanced aerospace research, design, flight test, light industrial, and heavy rail industrial manufacturing.

Over the past ten years, MHV has upgraded pavement, built several new large hangars, secured sizable infrastructure grants, and advanced commercial space testing and operations. Aerospace and Industry are flocking to the High Desert and specifically to Mojave airport to design, test and produce tomorrow's leading-edge products. The aviation and aerospace industries rely heavily on composite fabrication utilizing carbon fiber and fiberglass technology, both resident at Mojave Air and Space Port through a network of design, fabrication and testing firms.

The commercial aircraft industry relies on firms located at Mojave Airport to perform aircraft inspections, storage and part-out. Specialty firms at Mojave focus specifically on engine development, noise reduction technology, advanced cockpit display development and major airframe design modifications. *(continued...)*



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Mojave Air and Space Port is home to the National Test Pilot School (accredited in 2006), where more test pilots are educated than any other site in the world. Flight research activities include endo- and exo-atmospheric craft supporting private sector and government funded projects. In 2004 Mojave Spaceport hosted the Ansari X Prize suborbital space flights. The only Americans to reach space in 2004 in a United States craft did so from Mojave Spaceport.

Their upgraded rail infrastructure and switch engine moves product in/out of Mojave Air and Space Port with 34 daily rail car shipments through a license agreement with Union Pacific. Three companies operate on their rail spur moving raw product onto the airport and manufactured product out.

MHV completed a precise development plan in 2006 along with three fence-to-fence environmental assessments. Their planning has been adopted by the Kern County Board of Supervisors and the Kern County Planning Department.

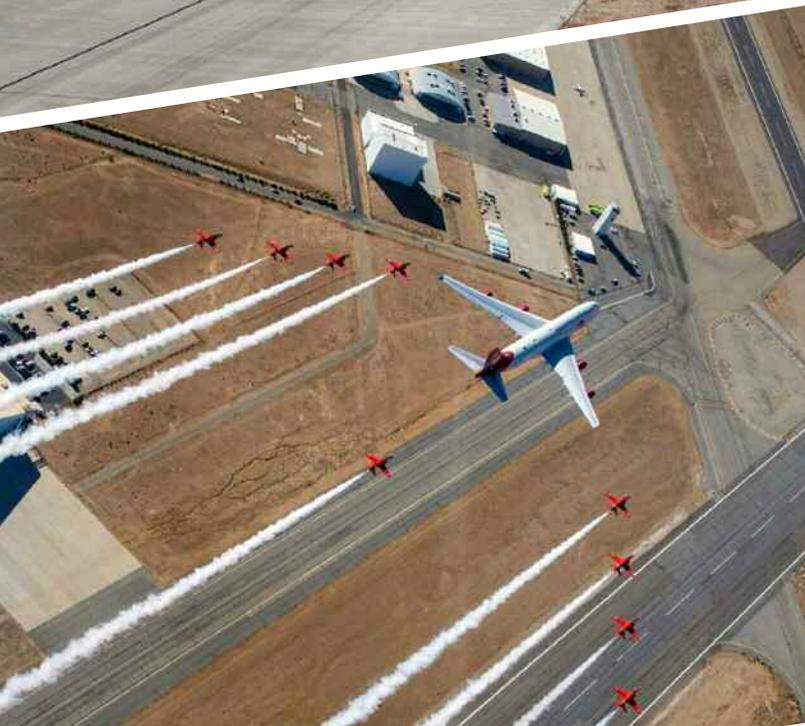
Located at MHV is the The Spaceship Company (TSC), developing the world's first commercial spaceline for its sister company, Virgin Galactic. The company aims to send members of the general public on suborbital flights to space. Virgin Galactic has sold numerous tickets to people wanting to be on the forefront of space tourism. The construction and test of space vehicles and carrier ships is completed here in Mojave.

Also at MHV is Stratolaunch, the largest aircraft ever built. The vehicle is designed to bring manned and unmanned vehicles to space. Stratolaunch leadership is assembling a team of companies that are innovation leaders in aerospace.

Other significant operators at the airport include Scaled Composites, Flight Research Inc, Northrop Grumman, and BAE Systems.

There are 25 full-time non-union staff and several contractors who work at MHV daily. Mojave's total revenue is expected to be over \$9 million for the current fiscal year.

Take a look at this fascinating [video](#) about what's happening at MHV!



Communities Surrounding Mojave

Mojave is located 100 miles directly north of Los Angeles, California. There are two thriving communities within a 30-minute drive of Mojave: Lancaster/Palmdale and Tehachapi.

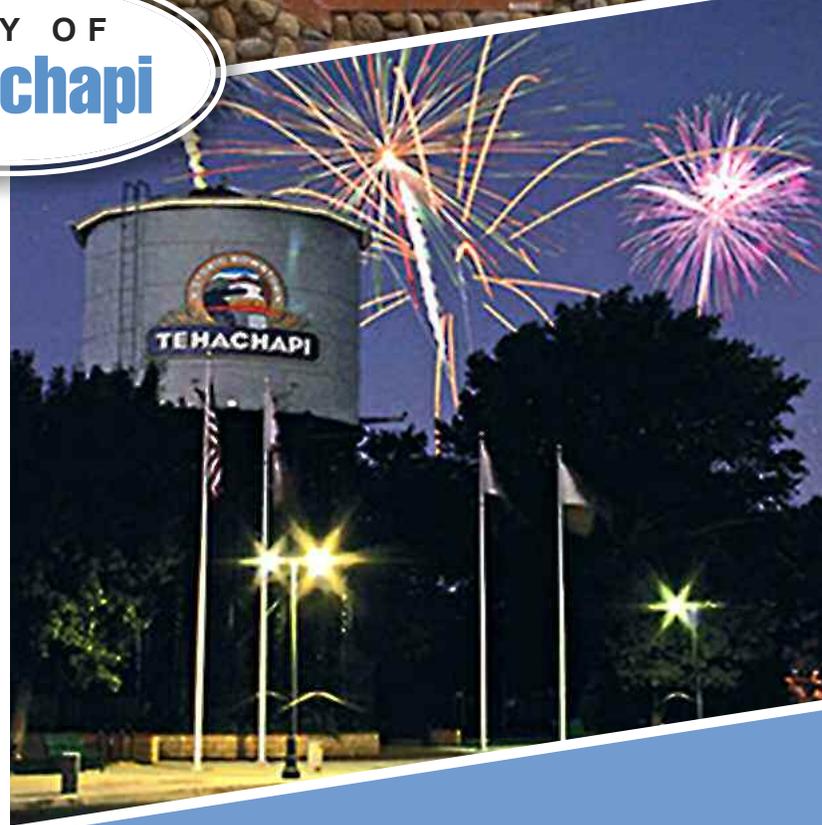
City of Tehachapi

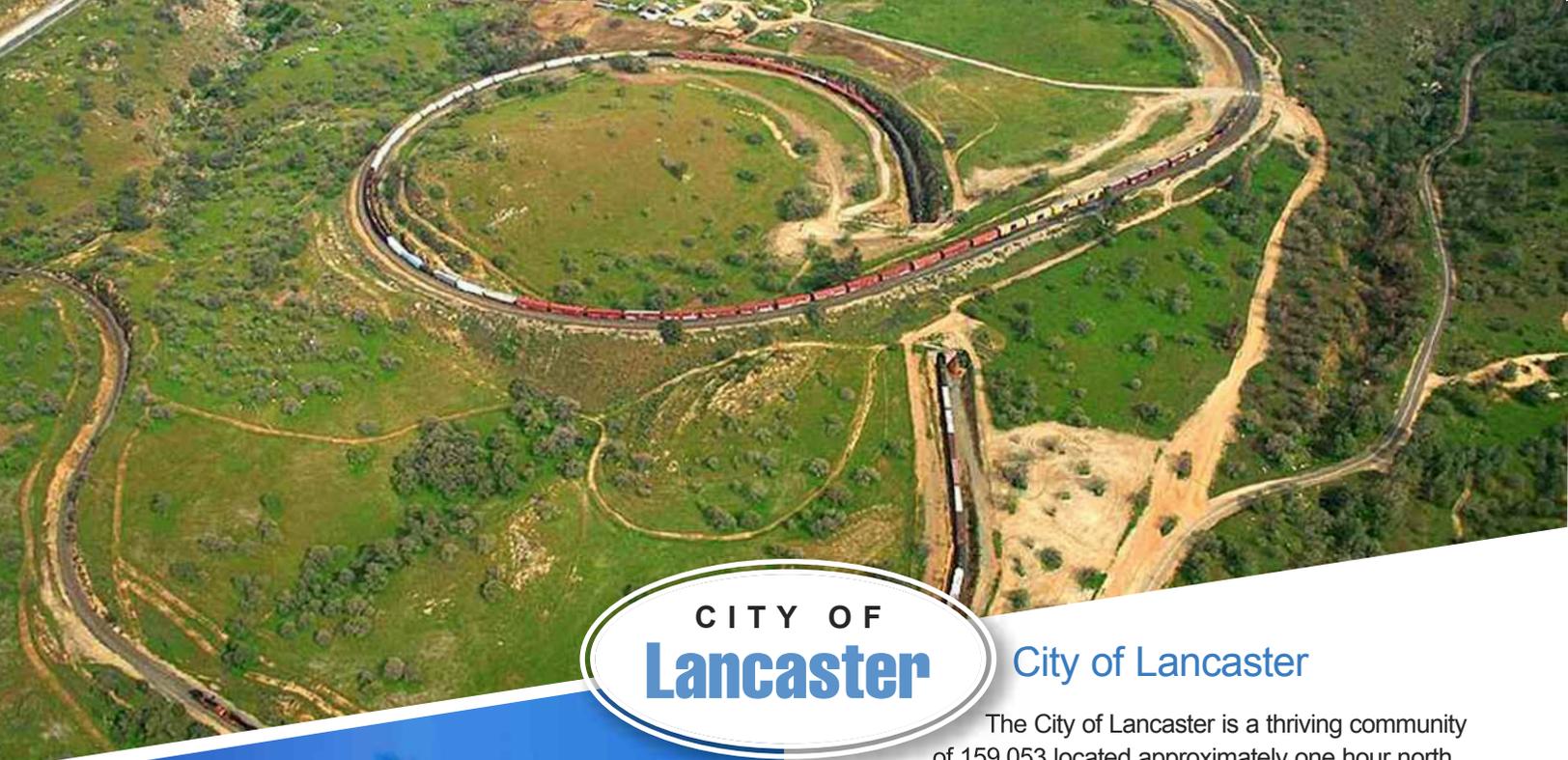
Many people working at MHV choose to live in the charming town of Tehachapi; located outside of Southern California's congested highly populated areas and outside of the drier hotter deserts and valleys surrounding it. Our higher elevation and mountain locale epitomize outdoor living at its best. People here, whether resident or visitor, relish their time spent outside enjoying the scenic beauty and all the recreational opportunities, extreme sports, and wildlife the area has to offer.

The beautiful Tehachapi Valley is an oasis located in the mountains between the San Joaquin Valley and the Mojave Desert, offering a cool haven from the arid desert heat and the sprawling lowlands of the valley. Featuring sparkling blue skies that turn into star filled nights with unending depth, the beauty of Tehachapi is seen in every setting. The diversity of the area offers something for everyone, small town neighborhoods, mountains filled with oak and pine trees sheltering the most rustic to the most luxurious homes, sprawling ranches and everything in between, all beautifully displayed in the splendor of four wonderfully distinct seasons.

Tehachapi's unique environment also means it is located outside the mainstream and conventions of suburbia. It's original. More unconventional attitude attracts people with fresh ideas and energy that manifest themselves in the arts, culture, traditions, technology and commercial innovations, and community spirit.

It's about higher elevation. How the higher elevation is our competitive differentiator because we have clean air, four seasons, alternative energy, outdoor adventure, great agritourism... all because of our higher elevation. That's why we encourage people to "Live Up!"





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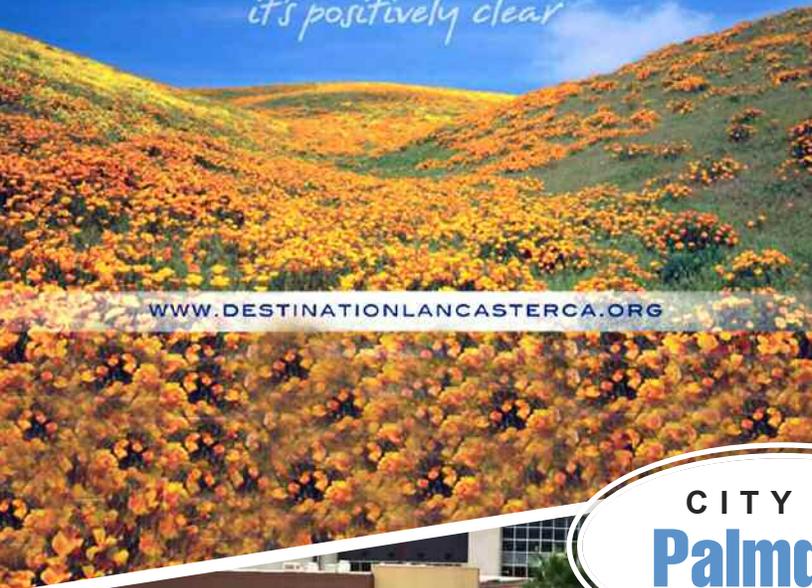
The City of Lancaster is a thriving community of 159,053 located approximately one hour north of Los Angeles. Clean air, attainable housing, wide open spaces, and a close-knit community make Lancaster the ideal place for families. Endless potential for growth, along with a strong commitment to business from local leaders, earned Lancaster the "Most Business-Friendly" Eddy Award from the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation in 2007. No matter how you look at it, it's positively clear that Lancaster is the perfect place to live, work and play!

People of all ages and ethnic backgrounds call Lancaster home. We take pride in our diversity and recognize that each individual contributes to making our City a stronger, more vibrant community.

Attainable housing and recent economic growth have made Lancaster an extremely attractive choice for families and businesses who are looking to relocate but wish to enjoy all the advantages that Southern California has to offer.

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CITY OF Palmdale

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In 1986, the population of the City of Palmdale was 23,350. Today, Palmdale is emerging as a rapidly growing and thriving community with over 156,667 residents. The City's record growth has made it one of the fastest-growing cities in America. 2017 Household Income Palmdale is an upper-middle class community, with an average household income of \$73,482 in 2017.

Palmdale residents enjoy a comfortable hometown feel with a strong family orientation, excellent education system and abundant recreational opportunities in a safe environment.





The Position

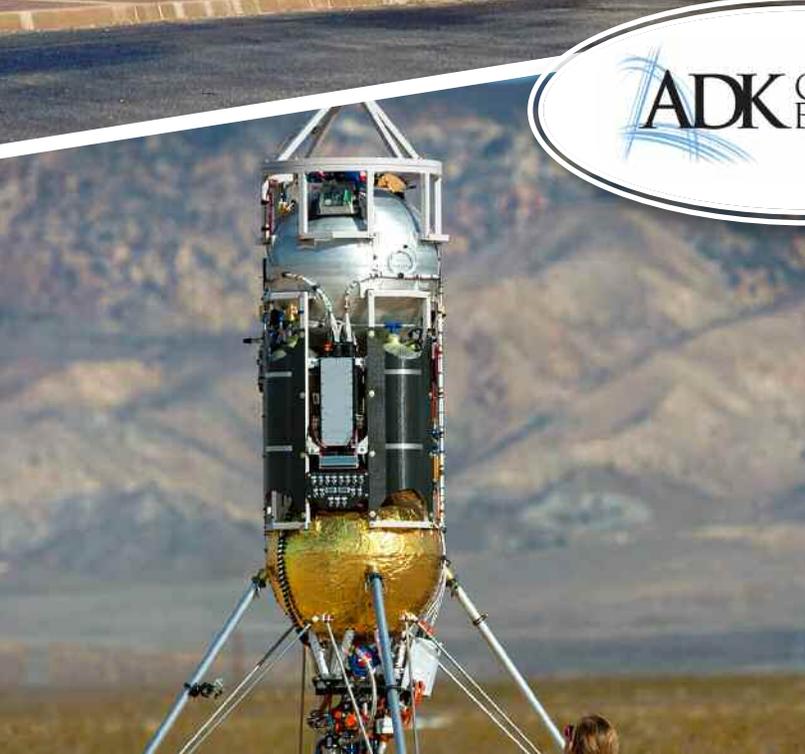
The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the strategic direction and planning, as well as tactical management and execution of goals. The incumbent will manage staff and oversee the activities of finance, operations, maintenance, and construction and is responsible for the day-to-day business operations at the airport.

Additional Core Functions Include:

- Responsible for managing P&L, budget development and execution
- Represents MASP's interests on local and national legislative initiatives
- Negotiate and close complex contracts
- Provide actionable recommendations to increase revenue and decrease expenses within each budget year
- Actively seek training opportunities for key staff to develop and grow
- Communicate actions and coordinate business initiatives to grow the regional aerospace market and air and space port revenue stream
- Responsible for overall customer satisfaction and business growth
- Manage outside consultants and contractors as required for specific District activities

For more information about the job, [click here](#).





Preferred Qualifications

The CEO should have demonstrated executive leadership and successful management of personnel. He or she possesses a deep understanding of aviation and/or aerospace and has a passion for innovation. Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree in Business, Finance, Engineering, or related field and at least ten (10) years' experience in an executive leadership role. Preferred qualifications include at least five (5) years' experience at an airport, a master's degree in a relevant field, familiarity and comfort with relevant FAA airport requirements, and private pilot's license.

Salary & Compensation

The starting salary range for the CEO position is \$150,000 - \$250,000, or commensurate with experience. The CEO is eligible for a performance bonus plan based on the successful completion of goals set by the Board each year. Mojave Air & Space Port offers a benefit package that includes CalPERS pension retirement, excellent health coverage, dental, vision, life, and tuition reimbursement.



How to Apply:

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

**Deadline for Applications:
Sunday, December 27, 2020**

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