



The Fort Smith Airport Commission invites
applications for Director of Operations

Fort Smith Regional Airport (FSM)
Fort Smith, Arkansas

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The Airport

Fort Smith Regional Airport - Access to the World

Since the 1930s, the Fort Smith Regional Airport has been a vital transportation center for the Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma region. The airport terminal building offers more than 52,000 square feet of convenient, efficient operational space with close-in parking. Fort Smith travelers have access to the world through daily regional jet service to Dallas/Fort Worth on American Airlines. The airport features two runways, one at 8,017 feet and the other is 5,002 feet. The airport is conveniently located in Fort Smith, minutes from Fort Smith's historic downtown and entertainment district, the University of Arkansas Fort Smith, the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the fast-growing Chaffee Crossing area.

The Fort Smith Regional Airport is self-supporting and is governed by a seven-member commission appointed by the Mayor of the City of Fort Smith. The airport currently has 14 full-time employees. ARFF personnel are provided by the 188th Wing of the Arkansas Air National Guard and LEO provided by contract. Prior to the pandemic the airport had 95,670 enplanements in 2019 served by American Airlines and Delta Air Lines. American is on track to regain pre-pandemic enplanements and FSM is diligently working to expand service.

Major improvements in 2021 included completing a mill and overlay of the primary runway and beginning the design of a 1,300-foot runway and taxiway expansion on the primary runway. Construction for the runway and taxiway expansion will begin in April 2022.

The airport remains diligent in meeting the requirements of FAR Part 139 and TSR 1542 which dictates safety and security regulations for the airport.





The Airport

Significant Operators and Tenants Include:

- TAC Air (FBO)
- 8 corporate hangars; 28 t-hangars
- 188th Wing Arkansas Air National Guard
- Future home of the 425th Fighter Squadron (2023)
- FAA Control Tower
- TSA Security
- American Airlines (Envoy)
- Avis/Budget, Enterprise/National and Hertz
- REEF Parking
- Multiple commercial tenants on non-aeronautical properties

The Community

Located on the Arkansas River at the Arkansas-Oklahoma border, scenic Fort Smith is “where the New South meets the Old West.” Covering just over 65 square miles, the city sits at the crossroads of Interstates 40 and 540 and US Highways 64 and 71 in Sebastian County. Fort Smith has a population of just over 88,000. This thriving community is a hub for commerce and boasts a diverse economy, a rich history and a promising future.

The area offers a variety of unique cultural and recreational attractions for residents and visitors. Fort Smith is home to Arkansas’ oldest symphony orchestra and the oldest continuously operating volunteer little theater. Other attractions include the Fort Smith Regional Art Museum, the Museum of History and the Western Arkansas Ballet. From parks and walking trails to the Parrot Island Water Park and the Janet Huckabee Arkansas River Valley Nature Center, the city offers outdoor activities for all ages.

Fort Smith is served by the Fort Smith Public School District, which is one of the largest districts in the state. It has 29 campuses and an enrollment of more than 14,000 Pre-K – 12 students. Eight of the district’s elementary schools and all its secondary schools have earned honors as Arkansas Schools of Excellence.

To learn more about the Fort Smith community, [click here](#).





The Position

Reporting to the Airport Director, the Director of Operations plans, organizes, schedules, coordinates, and directs the day-to-day operations of a non-hub airport including airfield operations, emergency response, building maintenance, and security. The Director of Operations also oversees complex construction projects and develops policies, procedures, and manuals. Responsibilities include forecasting operational needs, developing budgets, supervising, and training staff. The Director of Operations is responsible for and maintaining a safe, secure, and efficient environment for airport users and tenants. The incumbent is accountable for developing and maintaining effective working relationships with airport tenants, public officials, other governmental agency representatives, airport staff, and the general public.

Position Qualifications

Graduation from an accredited college with major course work in aviation, public administration, management, facilities/construction management or related field is highly desired. A minimum of 4 years of prior supervisory experience at a FAR Part 139 certificated airport and experience with 49 CFR 1542, specifically as the Airport Security Coordinator is also highly desired. Being an Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) or a Certified Member (CM) is preferred.

Salary and Compensation

The salary range for the Director of Operations is \$71,700 - \$102,460 with an attractive benefits package. Starting salary near the mid-point is possible for the exceptional candidate and will be dependent upon experience. Relocation assistance is available.



How to Apply

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

Deadline for applications: December 10, 2021

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