



Tulsa

International Airport

The Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust invites applications for

**Executive Vice President
and Chief Operating Officer**

Tulsa International Airport (TUL) and R.L. Jones, Jr. Airport (RVS)

Tulsa, Oklahoma

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The Airport

Tulsa International Airport (TUL) is a city-owned civil-military airport five miles northeast of downtown Tulsa, in Tulsa County, Oklahoma. It was named **Tulsa Municipal Airport** when the city acquired it in 1929. It got its present name in 1963. On January 21, 1928, 47 local business men signed the Stud Horse Note, agreeing to finance the construction of Tulsa's first airport, and support its operation thereafter. These civic minded leaders comprised the airport's first executive committee. Today, Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust (TAIT) administers, manages, and operates Tulsa International Airport and R.L. Jones, Jr. Airport. TAIT's mission is to provide a safe, efficient, self-supporting airport system for the citizens of the Tulsa metropolitan area and surrounding region. In January 2014, the Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust transitioned the operation of the city's airports from a city department to an independent authority structured operation. This move not only resulted in cost savings for TAIT, but also provided streamlined operations enabling the airports to respond quickly to market changes and improve service. TAIT has approximately 150 employees. Tulsa International Airport covers 4,711 acres and has three paved runways:

- Runway 18L/36R: 9,999 x 150 ft. Concrete
- Runway 18R/36L: 6,101 x 100 ft. Asphalt
- Runway 8/26: 7,376 x 150 ft. Concrete

Tulsa International Airport is the gateway to our city. The airport plays a critical role in the economy of Northeastern Oklahoma, supporting the traveling public as well as serving as an economic driver for the city. Home to American Airlines' Tech Ops-Tulsa, the largest commercial maintenance, repair, and overhaul base in the world, as well as home to the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa International Airport serves the needs of commercial, private, and military tenants.





The Airport *(continued...)*

In 2010, the airport embarked on a major renovation of the 1960s era terminal. Both of the airport's concourses underwent an extensive \$50+ million renovation, including major HVAC replacement along with more noticeable design changes. These changes included adding skylights and raising the ceilings in the concourse areas, improved passenger waiting areas, and gate redesigns. The airport also recently completed a \$7.5 million renovation of its main Schwab Hall that included a 170 foot linear skylight extending from airport entrance to the TSA checkpoint, installation of LED lighting, new restrooms, and much more. The final piece of the terminal to be renovated are the airport ticket counters, which are in the final stages of renovation, creating more queuing space and room for our airlines and their passengers. Runway 18R/36L recently went through a full rehabilitation along with the addition of a displaced threshold at the north end of the runway.

The current TAIT Operating Budget is \$26 million (includes \$1.8 million in operating capital) and the TAIT Total Annual Budget is \$47 million. Despite the pandemic, TUL was able to welcome nine new nonstop destinations and a seventh airline to the market in 2021. The airport currently has nonstop service to 25 nonstop destinations, the most in TUL's history. For calendar year ending 2019, there were over 3.1 million passengers and nearly 94,000 operations at TUL. TUL is home to the following FBOs that provide aircraft fuel, maintenance, hangar and charter services to the general aviation community: Atlantic Aviation, BizJet, Legacy Jet Center, Sparks Aviation, Tulsair, and United States Aviation.

The Airport *(continued...)*

Richard L. Jones, Jr. Airport (RVS) serves as a reliever airport for Tulsa International Airport and is a hub of business and economic activity for the Tulsa region. With three runways, over 200 commercial and private hangars, and over 500 based aircraft, RVS is the busiest airport in the State of Oklahoma. The airport offers precision and non-precision approaches with two parallel runways and one cross-wind runway, providing pilots with the ultimate flexibility when weather conditions change. The 700-acre facility is home to over 300 employees and generates an economic output of over \$36.5 million. RVS had over 177,000 operations in 2020, continuing to make RVS the busiest airport in the state and one of the top 20 busiest general aviation airports in the nation. The airport is scheduled to kick off a new master planning process in 2021, which will provide an updated 20 year long-range plan as to the future development of airport facilities.

The Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust's Board of Trustees approved a resolution to change the name of the Richard Lloyd Jones, Jr. Airport to Tulsa Riverside Airport. The new name will be effective January 1, 2022.

Airport Capital Program Fiscal Year 2022 Projects

TAIT approves an annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for TUL and RVS at the end of each calendar year. The CIP serves as a roadmap to prioritize airport infrastructure needs and identify federal, state, and airport revenues that will be used to support these needs. In FY2022, there are nearly a dozen projects that will move forward to improve airport facilities, airfield and landside pavement, and services provided to TUL's customers.

Projects Include:

- Remodel of Lower-Level Facilities
- Arrivals Roadway Canopy Replacement
- Common Use System Installation
- Update RVS Entrance

As a hub of aerospace activity for the region, Tulsa International Airport is looking to support the growth of the industry by developing the Airport's 650+ acres of available real estate. Aerospace is one of the state's largest industry clusters with 400 companies that directly or indirectly employ more than 143,000 people with a payroll of \$4.7 billion and an industrial output of \$11.7 billion. TUL's central location in the Midwest is easily accessible by a multi-modal transportation network. With a total of 4,711 acres and 13,000 on airport employees, TUL is the region's core of aerospace activity, and an ideal location for future business operations.





Oklahoma

The Community

Tulsa has been nicknamed “the world’s largest small town” for a good reason - the locals are friendly and the city is easy to get around, yet it has a BIG personality with plenty of world-class entertainment and attractions.

With approximately 1 million people in the area, Tulsa is the 2nd largest city in Oklahoma, and it is full of opportunity. According to the 2019 Economic Report from Tulsa’s Future, Tulsa’s major industries are aerospace, including aerospace manufacturing and aviation; healthcare; energy; machinery; and transportation, distribution and logistics. QuikTrip, BOK Financial Corporation and ONEOK all have headquarters in Tulsa, and the area is becoming a center for tech startups. Housing and cost of living are very affordable, which equates to a more laidback lifestyle that allows residents to “live on Tulsa time.”



Tulsa has a rich history, but has a trendy, modern vibe. Tulsans have an undeniable respect for the past upon which this city was built, and like those who built the former “Oil Capital of the World,” today they are constantly transforming the city’s landscape. A rebirth of Tulsa’s downtown was spurred in 2008 by the construction of the BOK Center arena, which has since received the prestigious Venue Excellence Award from the International Association of Venue Managers.

Today, Tulsa’s entire downtown has been completely revitalized and has several thriving areas such as: Tulsa Arts District, East Village, the historical Greenwood District, Deco District and the nearby Cherry Street, Utica Square, and Brookside. These popular spots are full of local shops and boutiques, restaurants, music venues, art museums and more.

The vision many residents and city leaders share for a progressive city coupled with the amenities and low cost of living in Tulsa, are reasons why Tulsa will continue to garner accolades as one of the country’s most affordable cities, most livable cities and one with the greatest quality of life.

Five facts every Tulsan (or Tulsa transplant) should know:

1. Tulsa has one of the largest concentrations of art deco architecture in the United States, behind only New York and Miami.
2. The Golden Driller, located at Expo Square, is one of the largest free-standing statues in the world.
3. The Cyrus Avery Centennial Plaza, named after the Tulsa businessman and commissioner known as the “Father of Route 66,” celebrates the miles of historic Route 66 that run through Tulsa and the state of Oklahoma.
4. Gathering Place was voted USA Today’s Best City Park in 2021, and Best New Attraction in 2019. At \$465 million, Gathering Place is the largest private gift to a community park in U.S. history.
5. The historic Cain’s Ballroom in the Brady District is known as the “Carnegie Hall of Western Swing” and is the home of Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys.



The Community *(continued)*

Life is Good in Tulsa

- #1 City where incomes are growing the fastest (gobankingrates.com)
- #1 City among top 100 U.S. metros on growth and inclusion (Bookings institute)
- #1 Best City Park, Gathering Place (2021 USA Today Readers' Choice)
- #3 Most affordable city in the U.S. (move.org)
- #3 Art Deco Architecture (Visit Tulsa)
- #4 in Top 100 U.S. Metros Housing Markets (Forbes Magazine)
- #4 Best Venue for Live Music (Visit Tulsa)
- #8 U.S. city for young adults
- Top 25 cities in which to retire (Forbes)

Arts & Culture

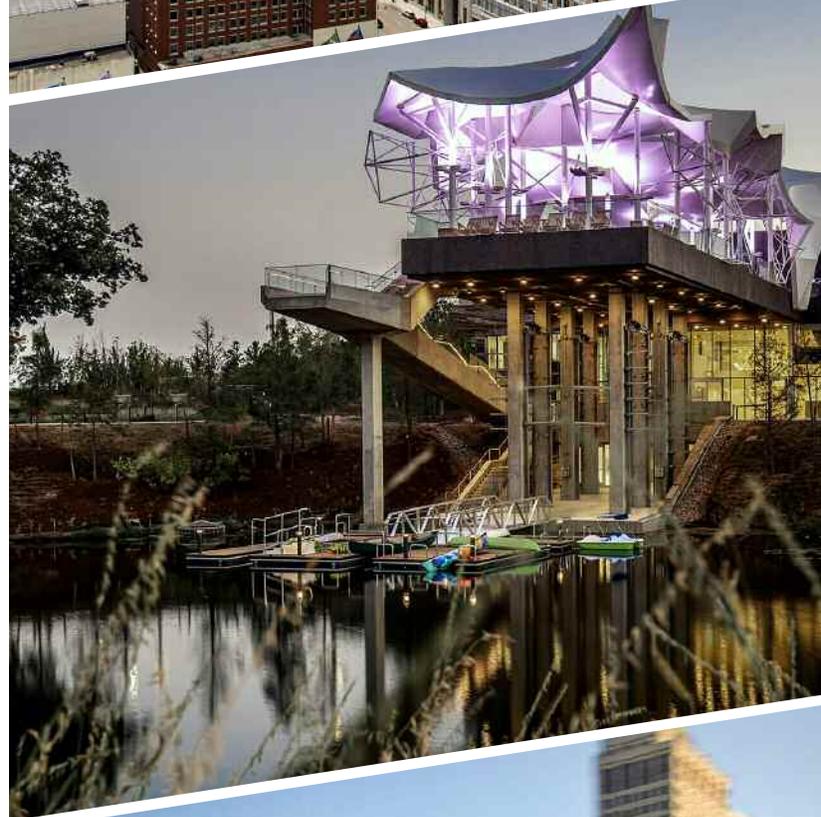
Before Tulsa had roads, it had an opera house. A flourishing arts community is one of the many treasures Tulsa retained as a result of the oil boom. From performance to visual and classical to modern, Tulsa can be interpreted as an artist's paradise. Designed by World Trade Center architect Minoru Yamasaki, the Tulsa Performing Arts Center houses four theaters, 13 resident performing arts organizations, a touring Broadway series, an extensive international collection of art and welcomes headlining talent from around the world.

The Tulsa Opera is the 18th oldest opera company in North America. The company presents three grand opera productions each season and is ranked among the 10 favorite regional opera companies in the United States. Two symphonies join the opera in filling Tulsa with the sounds of incredible talent. The Tulsa Symphony is a renowned musician-run orchestra and the Signature Symphony is Tulsa's professional orchestra in residence at Tulsa Community College.

The Tulsa Ballet is one of the top ballet companies in North America and exposes America's heartland to the finest works in classical and contemporary dance. The company performs across Europe to sold-out crowds.

Philbrook Museum of Art, the beautiful, Renaissance-style villa, with its 72 rooms on 23 acres of elaborate gardens, now exhibits more than 8,500 works of art and is listed as one of America's Top 65 art museums.

Gilcrease Museum has the nation's most comprehensive collection of art of the American West, as well as major collections of historical documents and artifacts, including the only known surviving hand-written copy of the Declaration of Independence. Gilcrease Museum is currently being rebuilt, and will reopen in 2-3 years. The construction of a new structure will better protect the \$2 billion collection and deliver a 21st century visitor experience to Gilcrease visitors.





Sports & Recreation

For the sports enthusiast, Tulsa has it all. With three minor league teams, premier golf courses and a collegiate sports program, there is always a game to catch in Tulsa.

Baseball is America's favorite pastime and that holds true in Tulsa. The Double A minor league Drillers baseball team has been swinging bats in Tulsa for more than 30 years. In 2010, the Drillers made its season debut in the new downtown ballpark, ONEOK Field. Additionally, Tulsa is home to the Tulsa Oilers, a minor league hockey team, and the Tulsa FC, a professional soccer team in the United Soccer League.

Tulsa enjoys an above-par reputation when it comes to golf. One reason is because the city is home to the premier Southern Hills Country Golf Club, which served as host for the 2021 Senior PGA Championship, and will be hosting the PGA Championship in May 2022, making it the first course to host this major championship for a fifth time.

Without a doubt, one of Tulsa's outdoor highlights is Gathering Place and River Parks, along the Arkansas River. Stretching southward from downtown, River Parks offers more than 25 miles of asphalt surfaced trails, several recreation areas, scenic overlooks, and excellent catfish and striped bass fishing. Gathering Place is just along River Parks as well, and is truly a sight to see for people of all ages.

For cyclists, Tulsa certainly doesn't disappoint. River Parks offers miles of riding options including mountain biking trails at Turkey Mountain. The nationally recognized cycling event, Tulsa Tough, offers the chance to put your cycling skills to the test during the three days of riding, racing and recreational biking opportunities. To say that spectators for Tulsa Tough are fun and passionate is an understatement!

Entertain The Family

Tulsa offers a plethora of opportunities that the entire family will enjoy, including the Tulsa Zoo, the Oklahoma Aquarium, Tulsa Air and Space Museum, Safari Joe's H2O water park and Tulsa Botanic Garden.

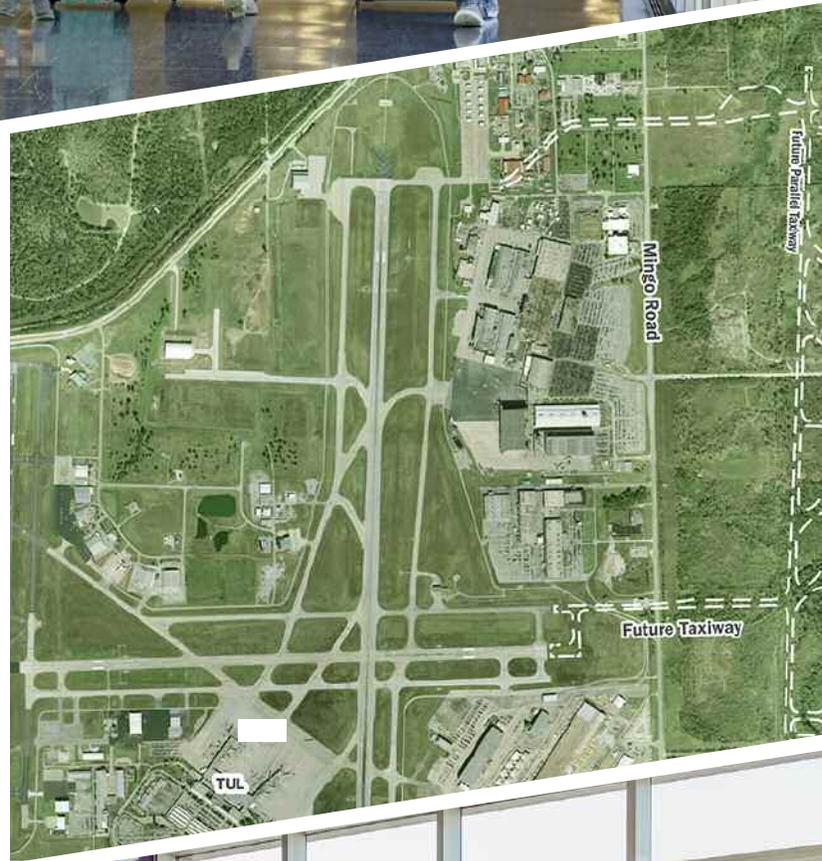


The Position

Reporting to the CEO, the **Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer** at Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust is responsible for leading the daily operations of TAIT, including airport operations, customer experience, human resources, and information technology with a continual strategic focus on being customer service driven. The Chief Operating Officer sets priorities, establishes sound management and leadership practices, and is instrumental in providing solutions to problems and challenges.

The nature of this position requires the individual to be a dynamic, flexible leader with strong skills in people leadership, high-level strategic thinking, and effective execution of plans and projects. This individual must be an active listener, collaborator, and excellent problem solver with powerful communication skills. The EVP & COO is a proactive leader capable of working beyond job function with proven experience leading a team and a demonstrated commitment to cultivating a positive, collaborative and highly productive work environment.

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





Position Preferences

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in aviation management, business management, public administration or a related field and a minimum of 10 years in the aviation industry with three to five years of experience in a strategic leadership role or an equivalent combination of training and experience sufficient to demonstrate the ability to satisfactorily meet the requirements of the position. AAE or CM designation is preferred.

Salary & Benefits

The salary range for this position is \$130,882 - \$157,058 with an attractive range of benefits.

How to Apply:

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

Deadline for complete applications: January 9, 2022

For questions or more information:

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ADK will review and process applications as they are received, and we highly encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

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