The Rhode Island Airport Corporation invites applications for Vice President of Engineering

Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport (PVD)
Warwick, RI
The Rhode Island Airport Corporation was formed on December 9, 1992 as a semi-autonomous subsidiary of the then Rhode Island Port Authority, now the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation to operate and maintain the state’s airport system. The powers of the corporation are vested in its seven-member board of directors, all of whom are appointed by the governor.

The Rhode Island Airport Corporation is responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the six state-owned airports; and the supervision of all civil airports, landing areas, navigation facilities, air schools and flying clubs.

Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport (PVD), located in Warwick, is just 10 minutes from downtown Providence, Capital City of Rhode Island. The airport was named “4th Best Airport in the U.S.” in Condé Nast Traveler’s 2020 Readers’ Choice Awards. PVD provides passengers with an array of transportation options via InterLink, a hub connecting planes, trains, buses and cars to Providence, Boston and beyond. Its complement of airlines includes Air Canada, Allegiant Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue, Southwest Airlines, Southern Airways Express, Sun Country and United Airlines, with startup airline, Breeze Airways, recently announcing the selection of Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport as one of only 16 debut network airports.
In addition to Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport, the Rhode Island Airport Corporation is responsible for five general aviation airports throughout the state: Block Island, Newport, North Central, Quonset and Westerly.

**Block Island State Airport** provides essential access to the offshore vacation retreat. Visitors from around the country are able to reach the island via New England Airlines which operates a small commercial passenger service between Westerly and Block Island.

**North Central State Airport** is located in Smithfield, close to several business/industrial parks, and serves corporate and recreational users within the Providence metropolitan area, while relieving general aviation activity from Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport.

**Quonset State Airport** is a public use facility located on a peninsula that combines port, rail, road and air transportation facilities, and an extensive industrial park. It is home to both the Air and Army National Guard, who use the facility for training and aviation operations.

**Newport State Airport** is used by visitors, as well as local aviation enthusiasts and the Army National Guard. It serves the corporate community and visitors to the year-round festivals at Newport. The airport provides quick access for boat owners who harbor vessels in the nearby marinas.

**Westerly State Airport** fulfills several roles for the South County area, including corporate aviation service, extensive aircraft maintenance and repair and regularly scheduled air passenger service to Block Island.
Rhode Island has a population of 1.2 million people with Providence as the capital city. Providence is one of the top 25 best places to live on the East Coast, according to U.S. News & World Report, thanks to its expanding job opportunities. Providence has a similar look and feel to other New England cities like Boston and New Haven, but it offers more affordable living.

It is home to Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design, whose museum displays American art and silver. Nearby, 18th- and 19th-century homes line the streets of College Hill. Waterplace Park is the backdrop for the WaterFire art installation, which lights up the surrounding tidal basin most nights in the summer and for special events.

Rhode Island, the Ocean State, is loved for its many beaches, the historic city of Newport, famous for its Gilded Age mansions and cottages, and for the up-and-coming capital city of Providence, rich with culture and interesting dining. Visitors love the unspoiled Block Island, with its many beaches, stunning bluffs and cliffs and two historic lighthouses, is easily reached by ferry from the fishing village of Point Judith. Other parts of the state are rich in history, farms, and beautiful outdoor getaways. And while it may be America’s smallest state, but with 400 miles of coastline and more than its fair share of the country’s National Historic Landmarks, there is something for everybody. Because Rhode Island is so compact, you can base yourself in one location and within a week explore the entire state, you can easily see the state’s key towns and cities and enjoy a sampling of its major attractions.

Warwick, home to the airport, offers so much to see and do in southern New England. Conveniently located in the heart of the Ocean State, Warwick provides easy access to all of the wonders of Southern New England. Warwick, which sits on gorgeous Narragansett Bay, is home to more boat slips, moorings, and marine services than any other community in the Ocean State and just minutes from the beaches of Newport and South County.
The Position

The Vice President of Engineering is a highly visible position, providing leadership and direction to a team of architects and engineers executing capital projects at six (6) airports. The Vice President is responsible for a comprehensive capital improvement program that requires interacting with a variety of stakeholders, both internal and external. He or she will interface with RIAC leadership, including department managers, executive staff, and members of the board as well as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) consultants, contractors, the community, and Airport tenants.

The Vice President directs the activities of consultants, technical professionals and support staff engaged in implementing the Corporation’s capital improvement plan. He or she ensures that construction projects are properly executed, from the selection of architecture and engineering firms, design, construction and job completion, delivering projects on time and within budget. Examples of work include directing infrastructure planning and design, airfield pavement, site, facilities and utility system design, and commercial and airport site development layouts. The Vice President also manages the selection of and negotiates contracts with A/E firms and contractors, reviews and approves plans, schematics and bid documents, fee proposals, including scope, budget, schedule and deliverables. He or she reviews project changes, contract amendments and invoices and authorizes construction progress payments.

In addition to managing and planning the work of the Engineering and Architectural teams, the Vice President also is responsible for the Environmental work performed by this department.
The Ideal Candidate

The successful candidate will have a Master’s degree in Engineering; however, a 4-year degree will be accepted. He or she will have, or be able to obtain within 1 year of employment, a Rhode Island Professional Engineering (PE) license and Rhode Island drivers’ license, along with A.A.E. accreditation. The candidate will have 5 years’ progressive engineering management experience at a small, medium or large hub airport. The Vice President must possess extensive experience in and knowledge of coordinating stakeholder priorities to include the FAA, the airport board, elected officials, airport community (tenants, airlines, etc.) in the execution of airport capital programs and have a history of active participation in the aviation industry.

Additionally, the Vice President must possess senior level management experience and exceptional interpersonal skills that enable him or her to interface with variety of individuals. This includes building effective teams, managing, developing and encouraging staff, and coordinating the activities of consultants and contractors, writing and oral communication. He or she must have experience developing and managing complex budgets.

For a complete job description, click here.

Salary and Compensation

The salary range for this position is $160,000 - $180,000 and is accompanied by a generous compensation and benefits package. Relocation assistance is available.

How to Apply

To apply online, click here.

Deadline for applications: Open Until Filled

Contact for this search is:
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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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