



Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority invites applications for  
**Information Technology Director**

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (AZA)  
Mesa, Arizona

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## About The Airport

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (Airport, Gateway Airport), located in Mesa, Arizona is recognized as one of the fastest growing small hub airports in the United States and has earned a reputation for being a “Just Plane Easy®” alternative to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The Airport offers nonstop service to more than 60 destinations across the U.S. and Canada via Allegiant, WestJet, Swoop, Flair Airlines, and Sun Country. The Airport currently welcomes almost two million passengers each year.

Gateway Airport is owned and operated by the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA, Authority). The joint-powers authority is made up of the cities of Mesa, Phoenix, and Apache Junction; the towns of Gilbert and Queen Creek; and the Gila River Indian Community. PMGAA has a talented team of approximately 115 employees and an annual combined operating and capital budget of \$147.4 million. Gateway Airport is home to 50 companies including Gulfstream, Cessna, Embraer, and Able Aerospace Services: A Textron Company. The Airport contributes more than \$1.8 billion each year to the Arizona economy.

With three 10,000-foot runways, 1,000 acres of developable land, and a supportive political climate, Gateway Airport is the centerpiece of the expanding Phoenix East Valley.





## About The East Valley And Greater Phoenix Region

Located along a well-planned highway system approximately 20-25 miles from the City of Phoenix, the Phoenix East Valley is one of the most dynamic and fastest growing regions in the country. In recent years, the East Valley has seen a strong inward migration of industry-leading companies that have created a robust economy and favorable economic climate.

### Mesa

Mesa is a thriving metropolis in the heart of the Southwest with lifestyle and leisure pursuits in high demand by visitors. Embraced by the Sonoran Desert – a playground for much-sought-after outdoor recreation – visitors can access three lakes, two rivers, and the Superstition Mountains that allow for every water sport imaginable and endless hiking trails. The city's downtown is a vibrant epicenter aligned with boutiques, antique shops, restaurants, and craft breweries. The downtown is anchored by the Mesa Arts Center and Arizona State University's downtown Mesa campus. Add to the mix world-class golf, exquisite dining, premier accommodations, and one-of-a-kind attractions and you have a modern-day urban desert retreat.

### Phoenix

America's fifth-largest city still has real cowboys and rugged mountains and the kind of cactus most people see only in cartoons. Phoenix is the gateway to the Grand Canyon, and its history is a testament to the spirit of Puebloans, ranchers, miners, and visionaries. Projected against this rich backdrop is a panorama of urban sophistication: palm-tree shrouded resorts and spas that drop jaws and soothe souls; stadiums, arenas, and theaters worthy of the world's most memorable events; restaurants with inspired cuisine and breathtaking patio views; golf courses that beckon every level of player; and shopping centers as stylish and eclectic as the fashions they sell.

### Gilbert

Small town feel...big city amenities. From farm-fresh cafés to barbecue diners, Gilbert's got a flavor for good food, great shopping, and picturesque weather. Gilbert's Historic District offers fine dining, shopping, and an active night life. Shop Arizona's premier outdoor mall, San Tan Village Marketplace, soak up nature at the Riparian Preserve, take a dive at Cosmo Dog Park, catch a fly ball at Cactus Yards, or experience theater in-the-round at the Hale Centre Theatre. Gilbert has it all!



## Queen Creek

A unique family-friendly community located south of Gateway Airport, the Town of Queen Creek boasts a rich heritage based on small-town values and country friendliness. Nestled near the base of San Tan Mountain Regional Park, visitors can enjoy more than 10,000 acres of Sonoran Desert including hiking and horse trails. Queen Creek offers a variety of outdoor entertainment including parks and recreational activities, spectacular views, and multi-use trails. Local theater, charming boutiques, and quaint restaurants provide exceptional experiences that embody the community's slogan "comforts of the country, convenience of a city."

## Gila River Indian Community

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) is nestled beneath a beautiful blue desert sky, amid breath-taking sunrises and warm golden sunsets. Stories are told of the history and culture at the Huhugam Heritage Center where historic and prehistoric records are archived. Several Las Vegas-style casinos offer slots, poker, keno, blackjack, bingo, and the latest in entertainment and foodie favorites.

## Apache Junction

Apache Junction is a desert community nestled in the shadows of the Superstition Mountains, 1,750 feet above sea level and 35 miles east of the City of Phoenix. A variety of exciting annual events are held in Gold Canyon and the Superstition Mountain area throughout the year, including the Canyon Arts Festival, Lost Dutchman Days, and Concerts in the Park. Arizona's only Renaissance Festival comes every spring and boasts attendance figures into the hundreds of thousands during the two-month event.

Hiking trails abound! Over 350 miles of improved trails exist in the adjacent Tonto National Forest, home to the Superstition Mountain's famous Flat Iron, a towering peak that overlooks the entire Valley.

## Experience The Culture

For a uniquely southwestern experience, the Phoenix East Valley's museums and attractions are not to be missed. Stroll through the Desert Botanical Garden or visit the Heard Museum for Native American Art and Culture. If it's contemporary art you seek, the Phoenix Art Museum is for you. If you have kids, the Children's Museum of Phoenix, Arizona Science Center, and the Phoenix Zoo should not be missed.





## Education

Public and private education across the Phoenix East Valley is a key economic driver and a major determinant of the region's exceptional quality of life. Education at all levels is a priority for East Valley residents and key industry partnerships create a strong culture and expectation for world-class learning. Arizona State University's Polytechnic Campus and Chandler Gilbert Community College are located within walking distance of Gateway Airport. Airport companies provide internships and training to help develop a local pipeline of talented workers.

## Get Outdoors

The greater Phoenix region provides one of the lushest and most colorful deserts in the world and a 360-degree view of the mountains that line the city's horizon. In the winter, sunshine warms hiking and biking trails, and by the spring, blooming cactuses and wildflowers carpet the hillsides and valleys. The Sonoran Desert is a great place to play!

## Sporting Events And Activities In The Greater Phoenix Region

There's always a game happening somewhere in the Valley! The greater Phoenix region is home to the Arizona State University Sun Devils and five professional teams - and the fans love to support their teams.

The Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB), Phoenix Suns (NBA), Phoenix Mercury (WNBA), Arizona Cardinals (NFL) and Arizona Coyotes all come ready to play, entertain, and WIN!

The legendary Waste Management Phoenix Open is the most well attended golf tournament on the PGA Tour. The biggest names in golf play the tournament every February at the TPC Scottsdale.

Cactus League Spring Training showcases 16 teams within miles of each other, so you can see the biggest names in the MLB up-close. Sit in affordable stadium seats or out on the lawn and watch all the action. Cactus League Baseball lasts the entire month of March each year.

NASCAR comes to town twice a year and fans pour into the Phoenix International Raceway to catch a glimpse of their favorite driver making the turn.

## The Position

Reporting to the Chief Financial Officer, the Information Technology Director is a “hands-on” leader, working alongside staff performing technical work developing, implementing, and maintaining application systems, networks, and centralized telephone systems. The IT Director works with Airport stakeholders, both internal and external, to determine Airport technology requirements, evaluate current systems, and recommend upgrades and changes in technology, establishing technical standards for hardware and software to ensure quality, functionality, connectivity, and compatibility. The Director is the originator and owner of the Airport’s technical vision, analyzing and improving standards, managing and participating, as needed, in new system implementation and enhancements to existing systems, and setting policies to ensure the privacy and security of Airport data and facilities. He or she manages the Munis ERP and Amadeus systems.

The IT Director coordinates daily work activities, organizing and prioritizing staff assignments. He or she troubleshoots issues and provides technical expertise in resolving complex IT problems. The Director develops and monitors the departmental budget, as well as all procurement contracting activities related to technology. Importantly, the IT Director provides leadership, coaching, and performance management for department staff.

## Candidate Qualifications

The Information Technology Director will have any combination of training, education, and experience equivalent to a 4-year degree in Computer Science or Business Administration or a related field, and five years progressively responsible IT experience and three years’ experience in the management or supervision of an IT department. The ideal candidate will have knowledge of aviation business management practices, along with experience working with Munis and Amadeus.

The successful candidate must possess or be able to obtain a valid Arizona driver’s license as well as have the ability to pass a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security background check.

[Click here](#) for a complete job description.





## Salary and Compensation

The starting salary range for this position is \$135,000-\$140,000 with an attractive range of benefits. This position is on site with no remote option. For additional details on the comprehensive benefits package offered by the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, [click here](#).

## How to Apply

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

**Deadline for applications: August 7, 2022**

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