



The England Authority invites applications for
Executive Director

England Airpark/Alexandria International Airport (AEX)
Alexandria, LA

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England Airpark

England Airpark is so much more than an airport. The Airpark consists of significant commercial, residential and recreational development.

December of 1992 saw the official closure of England Air Force Base and led to the creation of the England Economic and Industrial Development District, today known as the England Authority. Alexandria International Airport (AEX) opened for service at the former base in August 1993, beginning a great success story.

With the doubling of air traffic, leasing of over 1 million square feet of commercial space and the facilitation of approximately 2,000 jobs, England Airpark and AEX have become a model for the reuse of a former military base by an energetic community.

From its humble beginnings as an abandoned military facility, England Airpark/AEX serves in a number of roles including: a staging base for both military training/transfer operations and disaster relief, an intermodal transportation facility, and as an educational campus and business development center for the Central Louisiana Region. Alexandria International Airport (AEX) continues to aggressively develop commercial and general aviation/corporate related traffic providing leisure and business travelers a gateway to national hubs including Atlanta and Dallas-Fort Worth.



England Airpark

England Airpark is a thriving business community composed of 4,000 acres of mixed use development.

Highlights include:

- \$276 million in annual economic impact
- 60 businesses employing 2,000 persons
- 1 million square feet of commercial space under lease
- Over 300 occupied housing units
- Home to Alexandria International Airport

Significant operators at the Airport and Airpark include:

- Avis Rental Car
- Budget Rental Car
- National Rental Car
- Million Air of Alexandria (FBO)
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- 259th Louisiana Air National Guard
- U.S. Army
- Union Tank Car-UTLX
- Pepsi Americas (Regional Distributor)
- Integrated Packaging Company, LLC (Procter & Gamble Vendor)
- CAM Logistics, LLC. (Plastipak and Procter & Gamble Vendor)
- JM Test Systems (Calibration and Measurement Services Regional Office)
- Front Porch (Operator of England Oaks Retirement Community)
- OakWing Golf Club (Louisiana's Audubon Golf Trail)
- Northwestern State University & Region 6 LA STEM
- Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix, and Hixson (Professional Engineers)
- Rapides Parish Sheriff-Training Center, Records, and Detectives
- Civil Air Patrol
- The GEO Group
- FEMA
- Azeoform
- Micro Abrasives Corporation
- Cenla Christian Childcare Center
- Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal
- Residential Housing
 - England Estates (120 single-family homes)
 - England Village (40 apartments)
 - England Oaks (Gated Retirement Community)



Alexandria International Airport

England Airpark is home to Louisiana's 2021 Commercial Airport of the Year, Alexandria International Airport, which served approximately 294,000 passengers in 2019 and had 29,724 operations.

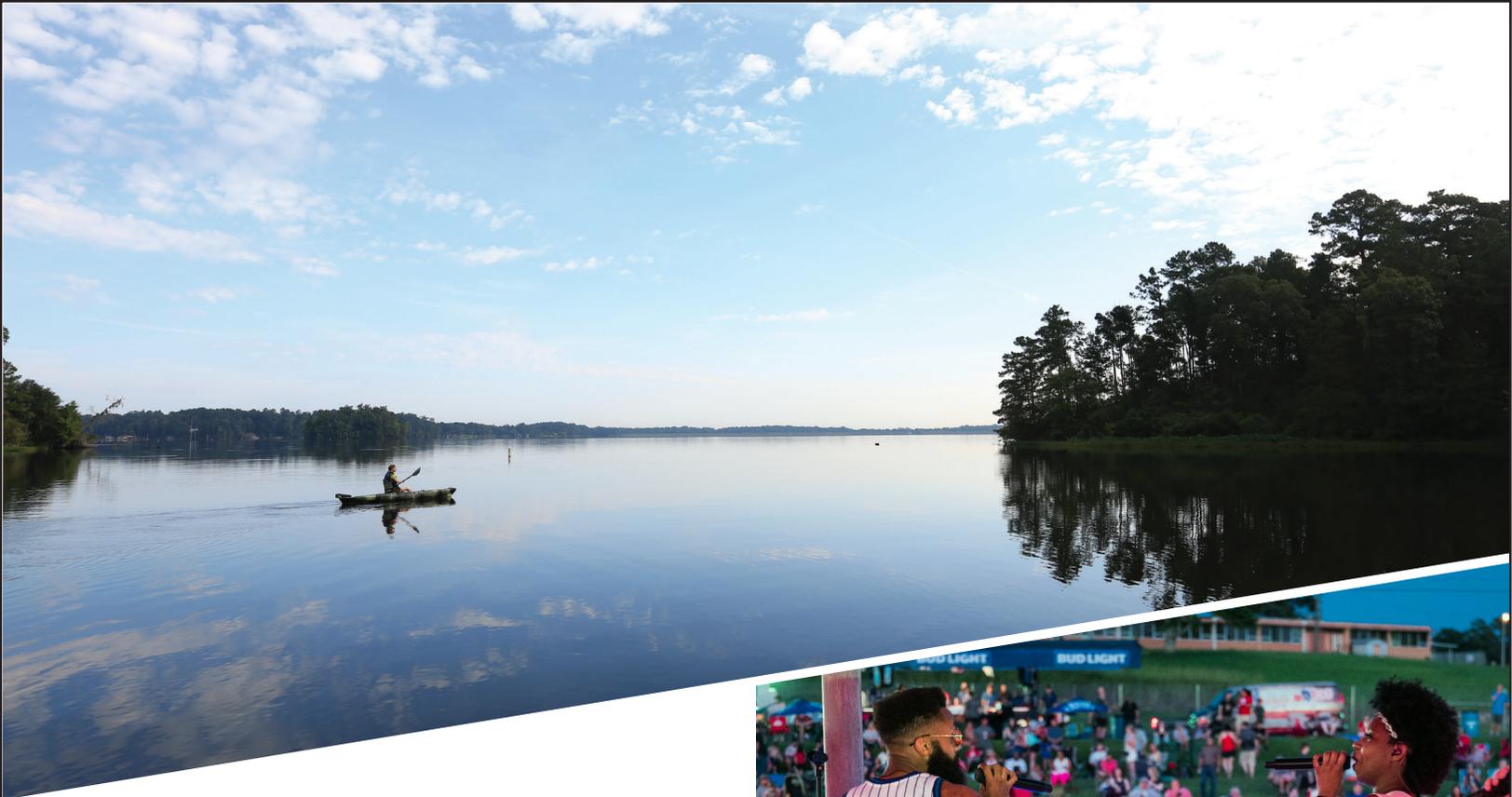
Airlines operating at AEX include American Airlines and Delta Airlines.

Current projects and significant capital improvements include:

- South Ramp Rehabilitation (Under contract)
- Runway 14/32 Panel Replacement (Under contract)
- Extension of Runway 18/36 & Associated Improvements (Under construction)
- Construction of North Ramp Aircraft Wash Rack (Under design)
- Wildlife Hazard Obstacle Removal (Under contract)
- Airfield Wildlife Fencing Project (Under construction)
- Airport Rescue Fire Fighting Vehicle (Under procurement)
- Construction of Wide Body MRO Hangar (Under design)
- England Airpark Multi-Family Complex Development (Under design)
- Westside Industrial Park Development/Certified Industrial Sites (4 sites certified)
- Vandenburg Drive Street Overlay (In planning and design)
- Street sign replacement (Under construction)
- Airport Master Plan Update (Completion phase)
- Total Airfield Electrical Rehabilitation (Completed)
- Mill & Overlay Runway 18/36 (Completed)
- Part 150 Noise Mitigation Program (Under construction)
- Rehabilitate Runway & Taxiway Safety Areas (Under construction)

The total cost of the above projects and improvements is approaching \$147 million dollars. The operational budget for 2022/2023 is \$14,634,637 and the capital improvement budget is \$48,742,499.

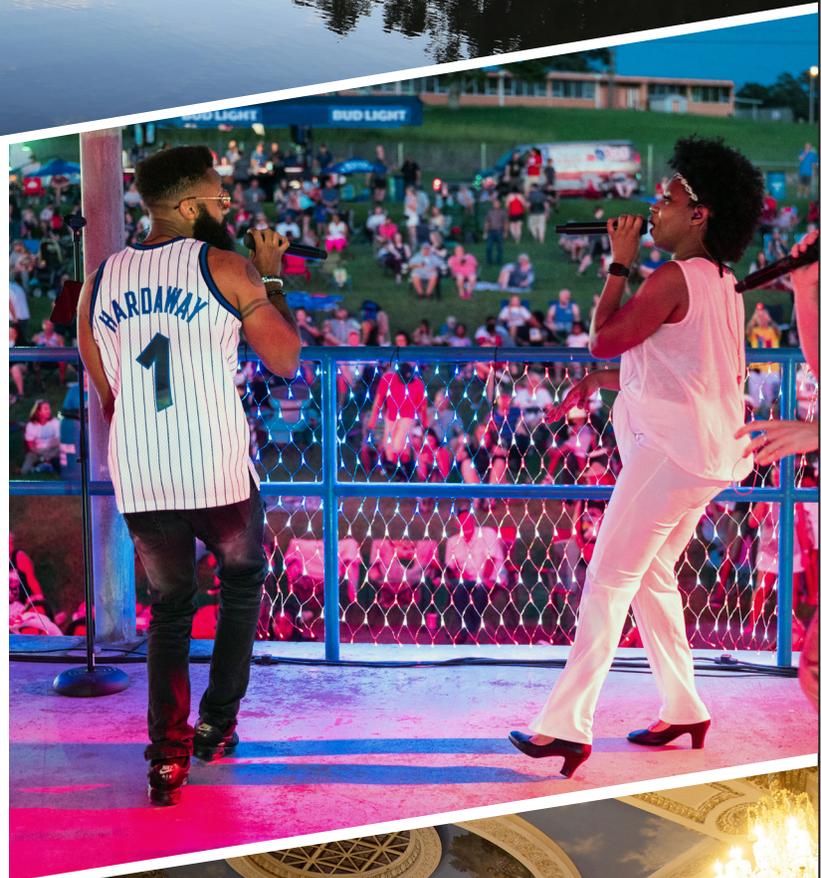
There are currently 34 non-represented employees at AEX and England Airpark.



Central Louisiana

Welcome to the heart of Louisiana. Central Louisiana is the geographic center of the state, and prides itself as a hard-working, family friendly area. Located on the banks of the Red River, the Cities of Alexandria and Pineville offer all of the amenities of a big city with all of the charm of a small town. Central Louisiana offers a multitude of amenities including outdoor and recreational activities such as boating, skiing, hiking, PGA quality golf, arts, world class zoo, historic homes and locations, the state's only National Forest, and many festivals throughout the year including a Mardi Gras that rivals New Orleans. The largest city of the 10 Parish region is Alexandria which serves as the retail and business hub of Central Louisiana. Literally, 2 hours from the other major cities of the state and well connected by interstate, rail, water, and air, Alexandria and Central Louisiana are truly an intermodal hub for business. The Central Louisiana Regional Port keeps Central Louisiana connected via the Red River with numerous agricultural, military, and heavy industry utilizing the port to ship and receive goods and services.

Many industries have chosen Central Louisiana as their home because of the business-friendly climate, good schools, strategic central location, great healthcare, great recreational and quality of life activities available. Procter & Gamble, Union Tank Car Company, Weyerhaeuser, Hayes Manufacturing, Crest Industries, Roy O. Martin, Cleco Power, and many others have started or expanded their businesses in Central Louisiana.



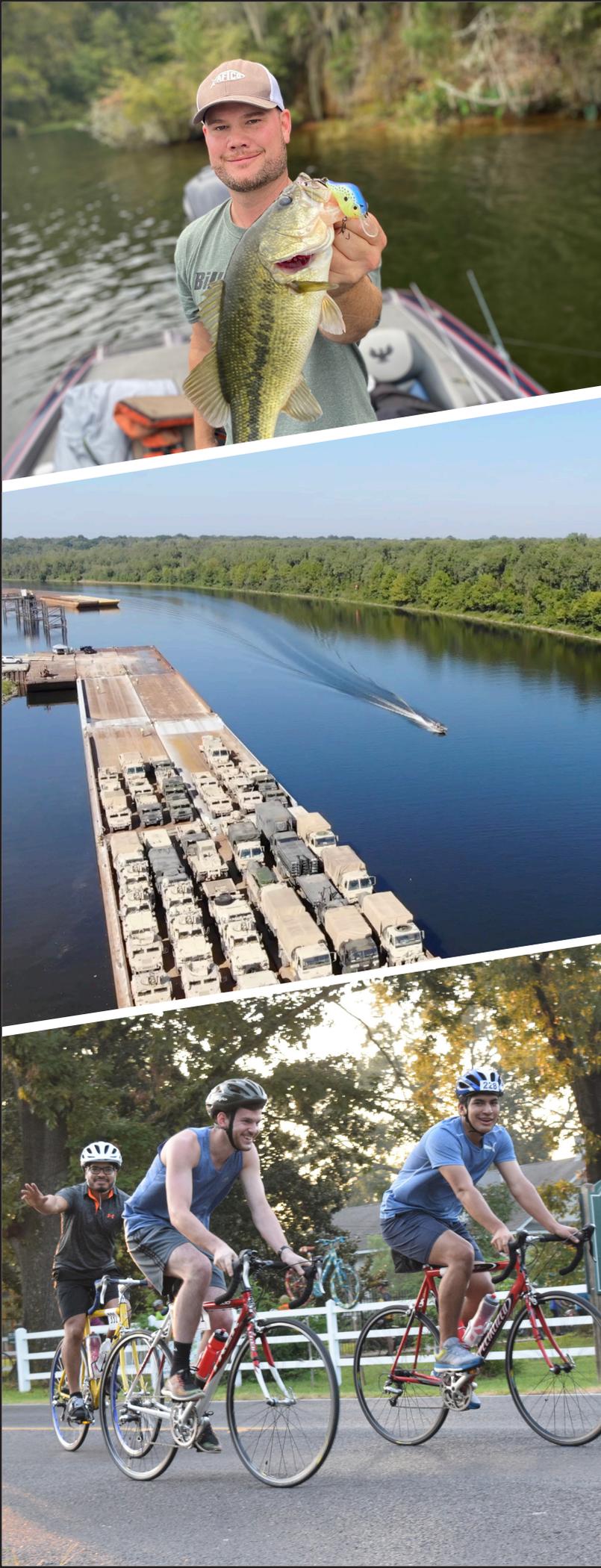
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Central Louisiana has been designated a Top 10 Wilderness Place by National Geographic due to the vast 604,000-acre Kisatche National Forest, thousands of acres of rivers and lakes which provide unlimited recreation and outdoor activities. The City of Alexandria was named one of the top 25 places to retire by Forbes thanks to its affordable living, great healthcare, and quality of life activities.

Central Louisiana has a long military history that has been vital to our Nation over many decades. Pineville, Louisiana is home to Camp Beauregard that serves as a training center and headquarters to the Louisiana National Guard. Just 45 minutes west of Alexandria in nearby Vernon Parish is the State's largest military installation and largest employer-Ft. Polk. Fort Polk is home to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and has more than 8,000 active duty soldiers. Fort Polk serves our Nation by training troops to be combat ready to serve in all campaigns around the world. A vital part of Central Louisiana's economy, Fort Polk and England Airpark maintain a critical partnership to move troops through the area to Fort Polk for training rotations. England Airpark is home to the Intermediate Staging Base (ISB), which serves as the staging area for troops and equipment to move into "The Box" at Fort Polk for real world combat scenarios. Alexandria International Airport's airfield and ramp infrastructure readily handle thousands of troops, rolling stock, rotor aircraft, the largest cargo and transport planes the military has multiple times a year.

Central Louisiana is home to multiple outstanding healthcare opportunities including Rapides Regional Medical Center, which has been serving Central Louisiana for over 100 years. Emergency, trauma, and urgent care as well as maternity and obstetrics, stroke, imaging and wound care are just a few of the areas that Rapides Regional Medical Center and its affiliated clinics provide. To recruit more talented medical professionals to the area, Rapides Regional hosts the LSU Family Practice Residency Program with many of its graduates choosing to stay in Central Louisiana to practice. Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital has been caring for the residents of Central Louisiana for over 65 years and provides a wide-range of services including cardiac care, cancer treatment, pediatrics, surgery and more. St. Frances Cabrini is part of the larger Christus Health system serving patients throughout Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas.

The Alexandria Veterans Affairs Health Care system located in Pineville is dedicated to providing quality healthcare to veterans and service members who have dedicated their lives to serving our country. Services include primary care, imaging, women's health, mental health and more.



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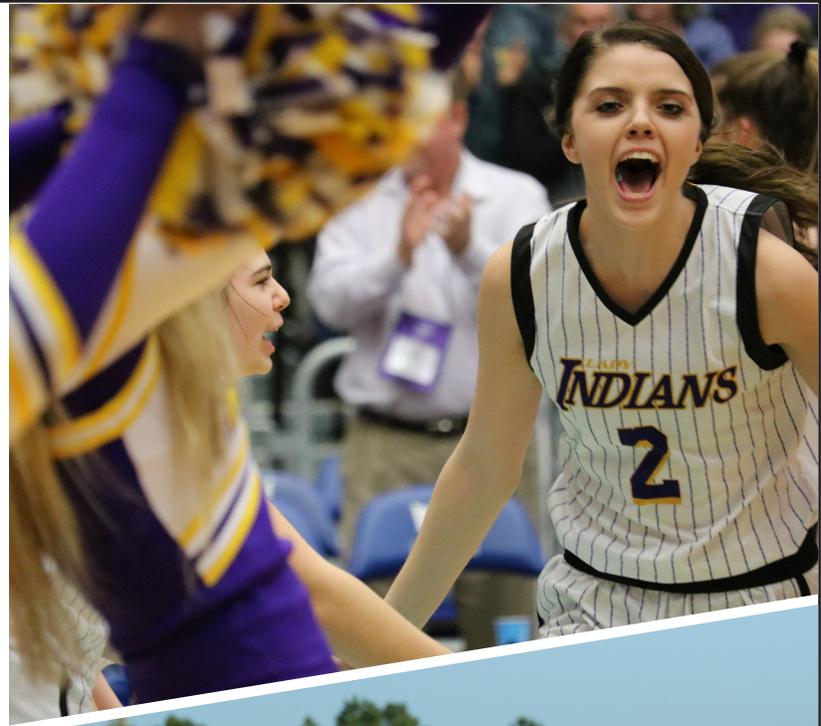
Central Louisiana offers multiple opportunities for higher education. Central Louisiana is home to Louisiana State University of Alexandria, (LSUA) which offers associate and bachelor's degrees, as well as certificates in a wide variety of programs including nursing, education, business administration, criminal justice, pharmacy technology, professional aviation, and more. LSUA offers on-campus classes and online curriculum for flexible degree opportunities.

Louisiana Christian University is the only 4-year private Baptist institution in the State providing liberal arts and sciences education since 1906. Located on 80-plus beautiful acres in Pineville, LCU offers 70 majors, minors, and pre-educational programs. LCU offers associate, bachelor's and graduate degrees in areas including nursing, business, graphic design, pre-law, and more.

Northwestern State University Central Louisiana Campus and Region 6 LA STEM is located at England Airpark and offers select degree programs including undergraduate and graduate opportunities through in-person classrooms or online and video instruction. The Central Louisiana Technical Community College, part of the State's Technical and Community College system, offers career and technical education programs on seven campuses throughout Central Louisiana. Central Louisiana Technical and Community College (CLTCC) will play a major role in providing industries in Central Louisiana with the skilled workforce they need to fill the jobs of the future.

In order to utilize its vast aviation infrastructure, a top priority for England Airpark is further developing the aviation industry in the region with a specific focus on MRO (aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul) operations and the commercial pilot shortage. In 2019, England Airpark formed a partnership with Louisiana State University of Alexandria (LSUA) and the Central Louisiana Technical and Community College (CLTCC) to implement the Aviation Career and Education (ACE) Initiative. The program includes the establishment of Bachelor Degrees in Aviation at LSUA with an option to obtain a commercial pilot license; an FAA-approved A&P Mechanics School offered through CLTCC; the conversion of a former hangar at England Airpark into a 37,000 square foot training and classroom facility and the construction of a High-Bay Aircraft Maintenance Hangar at Alexandria International Airport.

A quality of life second to none, a business-friendly area, a connectivity to the state and the world, and a population of caring and hardworking people make Central Louisiana the State's best opportunity for continued and future growth.





The Position

The Executive Director performs as the chief executive officer of the England Economic & Industrial Development District (England Authority). This is a highly visible position responsible for the overall direction and management of the organization including operational, technical and professional areas and is the public face of the England Authority. The Executive Director, in collaboration with the Board of Commissioners, creates and implements strategic initiatives and plans designed to meet Authority objectives. He or she also works closely with local, state and Federal officials, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Regional Central Chamber of Commerce. The Executive Director works with the Board to plan and coordinate meetings, including establishing Board meeting agenda.



A crucial aspect of the work performed by the Executive Director is directing the activities of England Airpark and AEX including development and implementation of long and short-term goals and objectives. He or she directs economic development projects and initiatives, providing guidance to entities wishing to establish or relocate businesses at England Airpark or other locations within the Central Louisiana area. The Executive Director coordinates the work of the Authority with that of external agencies and evaluates the impact of external agency work on Authority operations. The Executive Director selects, assigns, coordinates and directs the work of Authority staff, evaluates performance and identifies training needs.

Economic development activities are a vital part of this position. The Executive Director assists the Board in identifying, developing initiatives, goals and objectives for the Airpark. He or she prepares studies and reports for the Board, makes recommendations focused on expansion, and recruits new businesses to the area. The Executive Director works closely with the Economic Development Committee to develop and implement marketing strategies to attract new business to the area.



The Executive Director remains in close contact with the Federal Aviation Administration, the Transportation Security Administration and related state agencies; negotiates airport lease agreements, administers aviation grants; directs airport grounds and building maintenances; directs and/or performs inspection of airport facilities and grounds; and directs preparation of studies and reports related to construction and capital improvement needs of the Airpark. Additionally, he or she recruits and develops a team of professionals who lead the organization's departments and manages strategic business functions.

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

Position Qualifications

The ideal candidate for the Executive Director position will have a 4-year degree in economic or community development, airport management or business administration from an accredited college or university. Possession of a Master's degree is preferred, as is an AAE accreditation from the American Association of Airport Executives; or any equivalent combination of experience and training that provides considerable knowledge of marketing, business or economic development; working knowledge of municipal planning, infrastructure and related programs; working knowledge of the principles and practices of real estate, lease negotiations, contract administration, and project management and evaluation; knowledge of goal setting, program development and implementation and employee supervision; knowledge of the principles and practices of budget development and administration, finance and business planning; knowledge of principles and practices, equipment, supplies and terminology of airport operations and services including FAA and state rules and regulations governing airport operation and safety, airport maintenance, security and emergency plans, planning, organizing, coordinating and directing aviation services at public airports; knowledge of DBE requirements and regulations and experience in the application of those regulations; and ability to establish and maintain positive working relationships with others, both internally and externally.

Salary and Compensation

The salary range for the Executive Director is \$180,000-\$200,000 with an attractive benefits package.

How To Apply

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

Deadline for applications: September 11, 2022

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