The Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority invites applications for

Executive Director

Tweed New Haven Airport (HVN)
New Haven, Connecticut

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The Airport

Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN) is one of only two commercial airports in Connecticut. For over 90 years HVN has offered commercial service to the people of greater New Haven and southern Connecticut.

The airport is owned by the City of New Haven and from 1931 to 1998 the airport was operated by city staff. In 1998 the state created the independent Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority. The Authority is run by a full-time Executive Director (the sole employee of the Authority) and the airport is managed and operated by Avports and their employees.

Since November 2021 HVN has been the East Coast hub of Avelo Airlines who now fly to fourteen non-stop destinations directly from HVN and have 150 local based crewmembers.

In August 2022 the Authority signed a long-term lease agreement with Avports to lease a portion of the airfield upon which they will develop a $100 million new terminal.
The Community

HVN is located in New Haven, Connecticut which is situated between New York City and Boston. Home to the prestigious Yale University and a thriving biotech and health care sector, New Haven is the economic engine of southern Connecticut. The city is also home to rich culture: museums, music venues and dozens of restaurants featuring award-winning global cuisine to meet the needs of the diverse Yale community.

Within minutes from the airport is the iconic Connecticut shoreline which offers quintessential New England summers: beaches, lobster rolls and fun outdoor activities on Long Island Sound.

Southern Connecticut offers unrivaled quality of life, world-class health care, vibrant culture, some of the best schools in the nation and so much more.

For more information visit:

https://www.infonewhaven.com/
https://www.visitnewhaven.com/
The Position

The Airport Authority Executive Director, reporting directly to the Board of Directors, oversees the development, management, and operation of the Tweed-New Haven Airport and ensures the Authority complies with all airport sponsor obligations. In cooperation with the Board of Directors, Avports HVN, The New HVN, government officials, and other airport stakeholders, the Executive Director will coordinate, direct and oversee all activities at the Airport. A key role of this position is to coordinate with the New HVN and other strategic partners in efforts to attract/maintain air service, while working to identify additional economic development opportunities for the Airport.

Currently the Executive Director is the sole employee of the Airport Authority, and it is anticipated the Director will assess the need and engage administrative support.

The Executive Director will oversee all operations and development by Avports HVN, including ensuring compliance with all Sponsor Grant Assurances and obligations, and with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and policies. In cooperation with all airport stakeholders, the Executive Director will coordinate, direct, and oversee all operational and financial activities at the Airport. This position will oversee and supervise planning, environmental review, development, and construction of airfield improvements including a planned runway extension.

The Executive Director position will require an individual who has well developed political acumen and enjoys interacting with the public in this high-profile environment. Serving as the liaison with government agencies, including the City of New Haven, the Town of East Haven, Connecticut Airports Authority, FAA, and TSA, the Executive Director must demonstrate the ability to communicate messages in a compelling and concise manner.

This position will require the interpersonal skills to interact positively, collaboratively, and effectively with elected officials, local business leaders, other government directors, managers, local, state, and federal agency representatives, media representatives, passengers, airport neighbors and members of the public to find common ground and ensure all feel heard.

The Executive Director will plan, organize, and execute monthly Airport Authority Board meetings, including establishing the agenda and maintaining Board records.
Education/ Experience

Minimum of 10 years of airport management experience including at least 5-7 years of senior management experience.

Demonstrated extensive and varied management experience with strong leadership skills having an emphasis on strategic planning, contract/lease oversight and enforcement, sponsor obligations, and community and political relations.

Demonstrated experience working with elected and appointed government officials in a highly visible, and often politically sensitive, environment.

For a full job description, click here.

Salary and Compensation

The salary range for this position is $200,000 to $250,000. A starting salary above mid-range is possible for the exceptional candidate.

How To Apply

To apply online, click here.

Deadline for applications: October 23, 2022

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Please note: After your application is complete, you will receive an important email from us. Please check your inbox and your junk/spam folder, and if you have not received our email, please notify us at: admin@adkexecutivesearch.com.

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