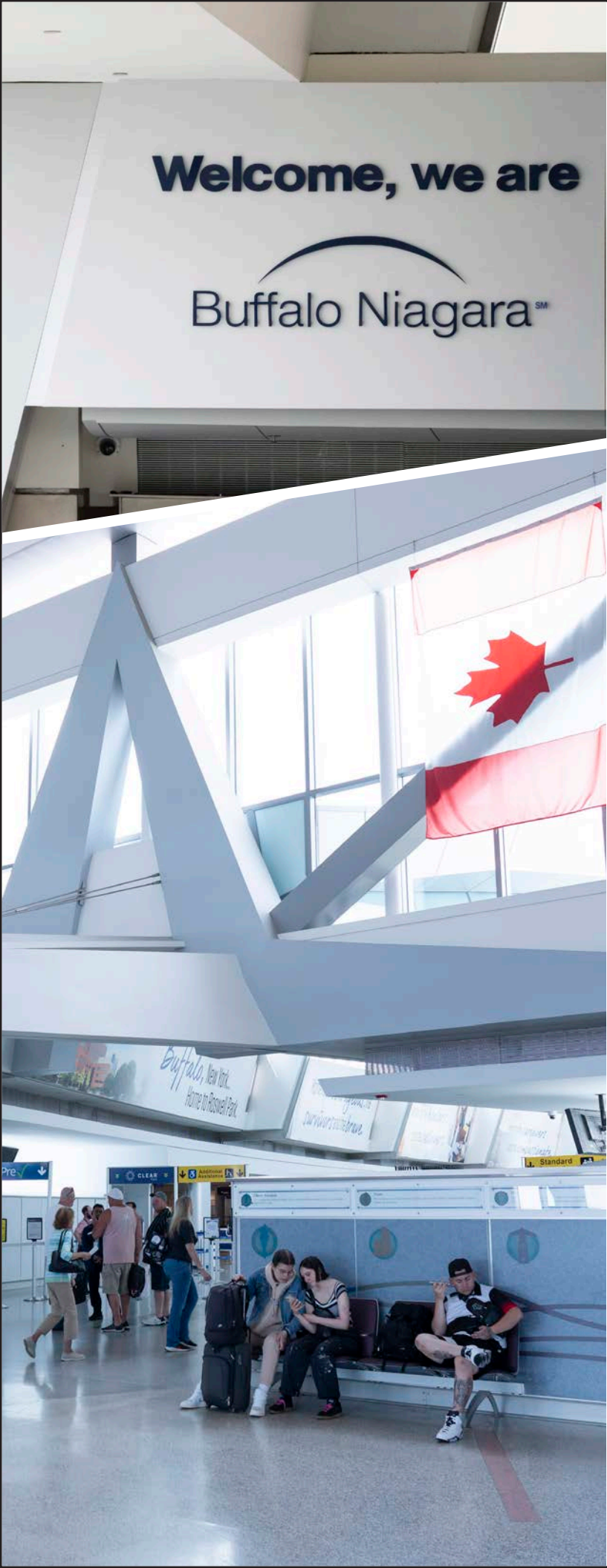




Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority invites applications for  
**Manager, Airfield Operations**

Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF)  
Buffalo, NY

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## The Airport

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### Join the Future of Aviation at Buffalo Niagara International Airport

At the Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF), we are more than a transportation hub—we are a gateway to opportunity, a cornerstone of Western New York, and a proud reflection of the resilient, innovative spirit that defines our region. As we continue to grow and modernize, we are seeking a talented, driven Manager, Airfield Operations to help lead us into our next chapter of excellence.

## The Airport

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### About BUF

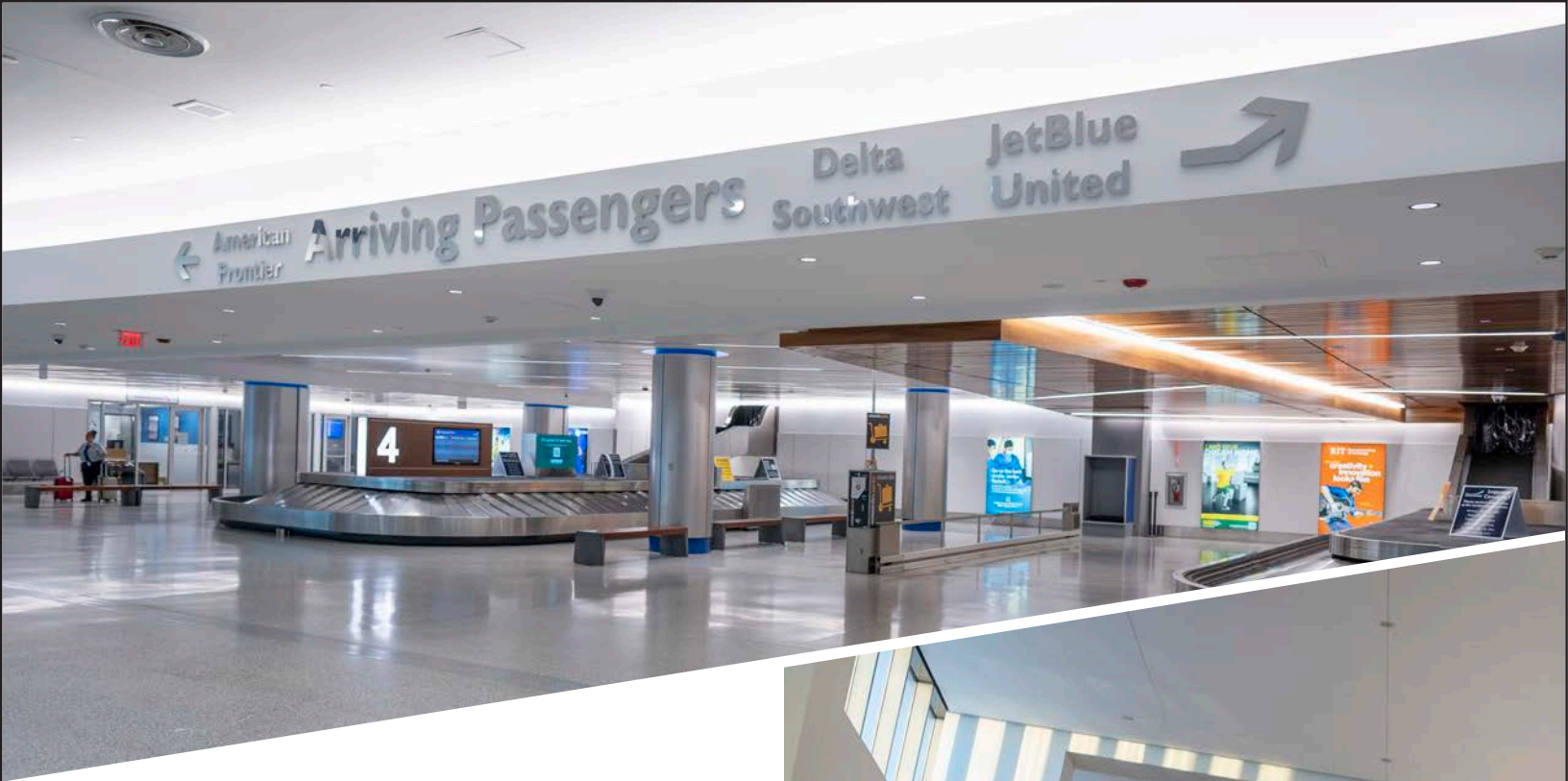
Operated by the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA), BUF serves over 5 million passengers annually and is the third-busiest airport in New York. Strategically located just 10 miles from downtown Buffalo and less than 30 minutes from Niagara Falls, BUF offers unparalleled convenience for travelers and businesses alike. Our airport is known for its efficiency, ease of navigation, friendly service, and consistently high customer satisfaction ratings. As a critical gateway, this airport provides the first and last impression of Western New York for tourists and business travelers.

BUF's single-terminal layout simplifies passenger experience while providing comprehensive amenities, retail offerings, and dining options. Behind the scenes, our commitment to operational excellence ensures the safety, security, and efficiency that passengers expect. The airport operates two intersecting runways, supports a variety of domestic and seasonal international routes, and regularly accommodates general aviation, charter, cargo, and military operations.

### A Legacy of Excellence and Growth

Recent years have seen major investments in BUF's infrastructure, including runway rehabilitations, a redesigned terminal entrance, enhanced security screening facilities, and sustainability initiatives focused on energy efficiency and reduced environmental impact. These improvements position BUF as a critical player in the regional economy, contributing to economic development, tourism, and trade.

Our long-term vision is ambitious: BUF is actively planning for future growth through terminal upgrades, airfield modernization projects, and expanded service offerings to meet the evolving needs of travelers and airline partners.



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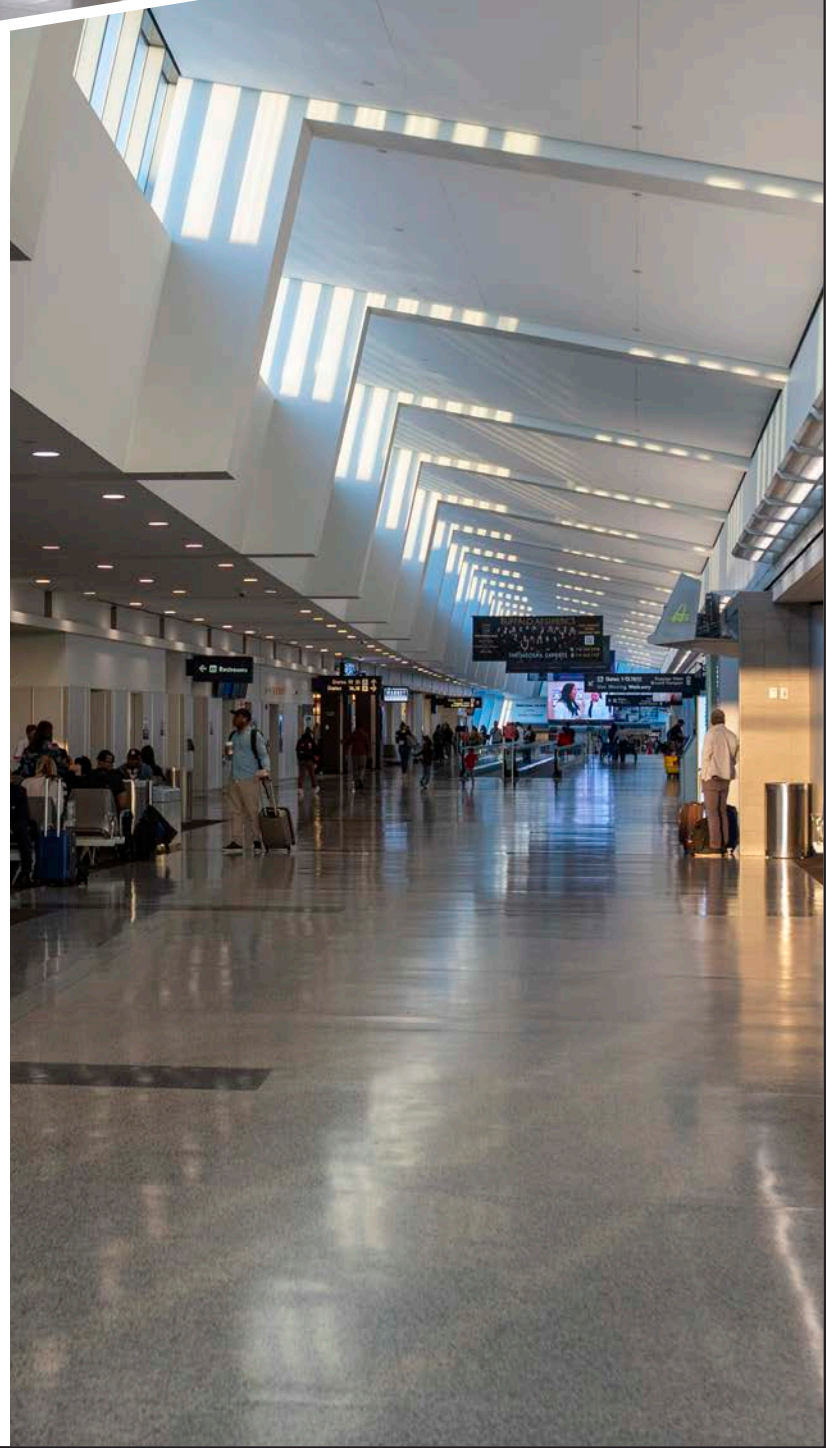
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### Why Join BUF?

- **Impact and Purpose:** At BUF, your work will directly affect the safety, efficiency, and reputation of a vital regional airport.
- **Career Growth:** The NFTA offers professional development opportunities, competitive salaries, and a comprehensive benefits package.
- **Community and Culture:** BUF fosters a team-oriented, inclusive workplace culture. Our employees take pride not just in what we do, but in who we serve—the communities of Western New York and beyond.
- **Location:** Buffalo offers an exceptional quality of life with affordable living, vibrant cultural and arts scenes, world-class sports, abundant outdoor recreation, and proximity to one of the world's natural wonders, Niagara Falls.

### Ready to Make a Difference?

As a Manager, Airfield Operations at Buffalo Niagara International Airport, you will be at the forefront of airport operations, ensuring safe and efficient air travel while contributing to the growth and success of a dynamic, community-centered airport. If you are an experienced aviation professional with a passion for operational excellence and leadership, we invite you to join us and help shape the future of BUF.





## The Community

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Buffalo, New York, nestled on the eastern shores of Lake Erie and just a short drive from the iconic Niagara Falls, is a city rich in history, culture, and community spirit. Once a bustling industrial hub and a major port in the early 20th century, Buffalo has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years. Today, it offers a blend of urban energy, small-town charm, and affordable living that makes it an increasingly attractive place to call home.

Buffalo boasts a strong sense of community and pride. Residents are known for their friendliness and hospitality, often going out of their way to help neighbors or welcome newcomers. This close-knit community vibe is evident in the city's many neighborhood festivals, farmers' markets, and local events. From the annual Dyngus Day parade to the Taste of Buffalo food festival, there is no shortage of celebrations that bring people together.

One of the most compelling reasons people choose to live in Buffalo is its affordability. Whether you're looking for a historic Victorian in the Elmwood Village, a loft downtown, or a cozy home in a tree-lined suburb like North Buffalo, the variety and affordability of housing options are hard to beat.

Buffalo is home to a thriving arts scene, including the renowned Albright-Knox Art Gallery (Buffalo AKG Art Museum), which features one of the most impressive collections of modern and contemporary art in the country. The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Grammy-winning conductor JoAnn Falletta, and a variety of local theaters and music venues add to the city's rich cultural offerings. Architecture lovers also flock to Buffalo to see works by Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Sullivan, and H.H. Richardson, many of which are preserved and open to the public.



## The Community (*continued*)

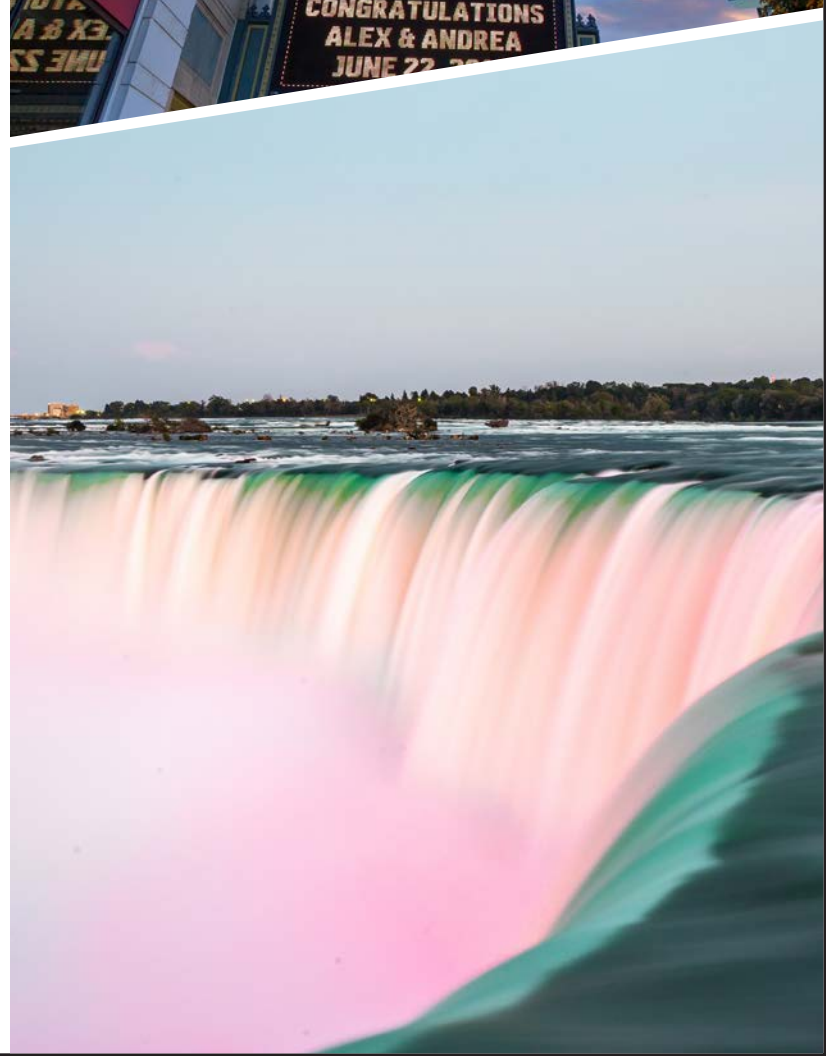
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Western New Yorkers are passionate about where they come from. That spirit and sense of place is evident in the loyal, dedicated fanbase of Buffalo's sports teams – the NFL's Bills, NHL's Sabres, NLL's Bandits, the Queen City Roller Girls and AAA baseball Bisons.

Nature lovers will also find plenty to love in Buffalo. The city is surrounded by natural beauty, including parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted—the same landscape architect behind New York City's Central Park. Lake Erie offers beaches, boating, and fishing in the warmer months, while nearby ski resorts make for easy winter getaways. The proximity to Niagara Falls and the Finger Lakes adds even more opportunities for outdoor recreation year-round.

Buffalo's food scene deserves special mention. While the city is famous for inventing the "Buffalo Chicken Wing," its culinary scene has expanded far beyond bar food. From high-end farm-to-table dining to an explosion of ethnic eateries representing the city's diverse immigrant history—Polish, Italian, Ethiopian, Burmese, and more—Buffalo offers something for every palate. The resurgence of local breweries and food halls has also turned the city into a hotspot for foodies and craft beer enthusiasts.

Education and innovation are also key aspects of life in Buffalo, home to a dozen colleges and universities. The University at Buffalo, part of the State University of New York (SUNY) system, provides a major center for research and higher education. The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus is a growing hub for biomedical research and healthcare innovation, offering promising careers and driving economic development in the region. Buffalo offers an ideal blend of affordability, culture, community, and opportunity. Its welcoming atmosphere and rich character make it not just a place to live, but a place to truly belong.





## Position Overview

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The Manager, Airfield Operations at the Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF) is responsible for leading and overseeing key operational and maintenance functions that ensure safe, compliant, and efficient airfield activity. Reporting to the Deputy Director, Aviation, this role manages critical infrastructure and personnel, enforces FAA regulations, and ensures airfield operations align with the Airport Certification Manual and Part 139 requirements.

## About the Role

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This position plays a central role in maintaining airport safety, operational readiness, and regulatory compliance. The Manager supervises multiple departments including airfield operations, electrical systems, equipment maintenance, and landscape services. Working closely with leadership and airport stakeholders, this individual ensures that policies, safety procedures, and operational goals are consistently met while maintaining high service standards for passengers, cargo, and general aviation users.

## Key Responsibilities

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- Lead and coordinate airfield operations and support departments, ensuring compliance with FAA 14 CFR Part 139.
- Maintain the Airport Certification Manual and issue NOTAMs and pilot advisories as needed.
- Supervise staff, manage performance evaluations, and oversee disciplinary actions, promotions, and hiring decisions.
- Prepare and manage operating and capital improvement budgets.
- Establish priorities, track trends, and report performance metrics monthly.
- Ensure readiness and effectiveness of airfield snow removal operations.

## Leadership Qualities and Style

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The successful candidate is a decisive and organized leader with a hands-on management style. They bring a commitment to safety, operational excellence, and staff development. Clear communication, strategic planning, and collaborative problem-solving are key qualities. The ability to build strong relationships with tenants, vendors, and internal teams is essential.

For the full job description, [click here](#).

## Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in business administration, aviation, or a related field.
- Minimum of five years' experience at a Part 139 airport in airfield operations, general aviation, and cargo services.
- An equivalent combination of education, training, and experience may be considered.
- Demonstrated experience with airport facilities, snow removal, regulatory compliance, and maintenance procedures.
- Strong knowledge of FAA and DOT regulations, property management, and public safety standards.
- Excellent leadership, communication, and organizational skills.

## Salary and Benefits

The starting salary range for this position is \$82,854 - \$124,279. BUF offers competitive benefits.

## How To Apply

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

**Deadline for applications: June 8, 2025**

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