

## **Tweed New Haven Regional Airport Executive Director**

The Tweed New Haven Airport Authority is seeking an outstanding professional with strong management skills to shape the future development of Tweed New Haven Airport (HVN).

Tweed New Haven Regional Airport is located on 345 acres in New Haven and East Haven CT and is served commercially by six daily US Airways turbo-prop flights to Philadelphia. The main runway is 5,600', with a shorter cross-wind runway. Located in an air travel market producing about 4 million trips per year, Tweed is poised to realize its potential as a regional airport within the most important metro area in the world. The combination of a highly skilled and educated population and a sophisticated lifestyle creates a sense of energy and creativity in New Haven and southern Connecticut, producing an area with an excellent quality of life.

The Airport is leased by the City of New Haven to a 14-member regionally-appointed Airport Authority. Since its inception in 1997, the Authority has secured additional commercial air service, completed an Update of the Master Plan, and secured permits and funding for a \$20M Runway Safety Area project. The Airport is operated by the firm of Macquarie Aviation North America 2 Inc., d/b/a AvPORTS, under an agreement extending until June 30, 2018. For more information, please visit [www.flytweed.com](http://www.flytweed.com)

### **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

The Executive Director will plan and direct Airport development and build local and state support. The Executive Director will report to the Authority, with leeway for the exercise of independent judgment and initiative. The Executive Director will establish and maintain effective working relationships with the Board, AvPORTS, Airport users, key corporate and community leaders, regional agencies, commercial airlines, local and state elected officials, state and Federal agencies, neighborhood residents and others.

Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, with at least five (5) years of progressively responsible management experience. The preferred candidate will have proven knowledge of airport operations and development and experience with federal, state, and local governmental agencies and legislative bodies. Capable independent judgment, good computer skills, excellent written and verbal communication skills, and superior interpersonal skills are a must for this position.

To succeed in this role, the Executive Director must be able to integrate effectively into the Greater New Haven community. The Director will be highly self-motivated and flexible, with integrity, cultural awareness, and a strong work ethic.

The Executive Director will pursue appropriate policy initiatives for HVN with State officials and agencies, including the Connecticut General Assembly, and will secure state and local operating support for the airport, as required.

The Executive Director will lead the development of air service initiatives at HVN, propose airport policies for Airport Authority approval and, in conjunction with AvPORTS and others, implement Airport plans and projects.

In conjunction with AvPORTS and others, the Executive Director will maintain an effective organization in compliance with local, federal and state regulations.

Other necessary characteristics include:

- Superior leadership, communication, listening and consensus-building skills;
- Ability to interact effectively with the Authority and other Airport stakeholders;
- Well organized and able to deal with a wide range of issues and complex projects;
- Understanding and experience in dealing within a political environment; and
- Strong business and solutions approach to problem solving.

The position offers competitive compensation and benefits. This position requires a detailed background investigation. Tweed New Haven Airport is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

This is an outstanding career opportunity for a highly motivated and experienced professional to join an organization that is poised to expand its market share in the state. Interested candidates should immediately submit a cover letter, resume and salary history along with three professional references to Mark Volchek, Chairman, Tweed New Haven Airport Authority, 155 Burr Street, Administration Building, New Haven, CT 06512.