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Closing Date: Monday, July 18, 2022

The Niagara District Airport is located in the heart of the world famous Niagara Region, ideally positioned for both business and tourists. In addition to the famous Niagara Falls, the region offers historic Niagara-on-the-Lake and its popular Shaw Festival Theatre, an abundance of local wineries with restaurants & fine dining, outstanding golf courses, Casino Niagara and the Fallsview Casino Resort.

Our airport has a 5,000-foot runway, 24-hour Customs clearance, NAV CANADA on site, and Avgas and Jet Fuel refueling available. Our on-site services include executive and personal charter, helicopter and fixed wing sightseeing, expert AMO's, an active flight training school, and a friendly, welcoming staff.

Manager of Airside/Groundside Services

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, this position is responsible for the integrity and efficiency of daily airport operations, which includes managing irregular operations (IRROPS) and emergency situations. The responsibilities also include day of compliance to Aviation Safety and Security regulations. This role is management oversight for the Operations/SMS Coordinator and airport maintenance team, is inclusive of a 40 hour work week, and is a non-union role.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinate, and manage all activities of airport staff, which includes airside and groundside operations.
- Manage the staffing level to ensure sufficient airport staff is on duty to perform operations, including generating the staffing schedule and authorizing vacation and lieu time.
- Monitor maintenance and/or construction projects and programs, and the general day to day maintenance of the facility, including potential hazards to airport employees and the public; arrange for urgent or emergency repairs or service by internal or external sources.
- Monitor the performance of airlines, tenants, concessionaires and others to ensure their adherence to Niagara District Airport and other Federal policies and programs, etc.
- Monitor and manage compliance with Canadian Aviation Regulations (CAR's), Aerodrome Security Measures.

AIRSIDE/GROUNDSIDE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure adequacy of protective security measures leading to the primary security line and the security perimeter fencing to prevent unauthorized entry to the airside or other restricted areas of the airport.
- Monitor weather reports to determine potential of, and prepare for, irregular operations.
- Provide Airport Vehicle Operators Program (AVOP) training and testing that will lead to the issuance of "DA" license for the apron or "D" license for driving on aircraft manoeuvring areas.
- Monitor and manage Safety Management Systems and Wildlife Control procedures. During winter operations, monitor and report runway conditions, and manage snow removal operations both airside and groundside.
- Complete or review all reports, forms and logs pertaining to operations activities on assigned shifts for accuracy and completeness, including Aircraft Movement and Surface Condition Reports, Canadian Runway Friction Index Reports, incident/accident, WSIB, daily shift reports, etc.

- Manage emergency situations and irregular operations, activate and manage the Emergency Co-ordination Centre (ECC) as required and adhere to proper emergency call-out procedures.
- Respond to complaints from staff, air carriers, tenants, concessionaries and the general public.
- Working with the Operations/SMS Coordinator on incident/accident investigations and determining recommendations for corrective actions.
- Preparation of staff reports for the Chief Executive Officer and the Airport Commission.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Post-secondary education with a Certificate or Diploma Aviation Management, or accreditation by the International Association of Airport Executives (IAAE).
- An equivalent combination of schooling, training and experience will be given consideration.
- Minimum five (5) years direct experience in airport operations, airline operations or other related fields of airport management.
- Minimum two (2) years experience directly leading people.
- Outstanding customer service orientation, with the ability to diffuse tense situations.
- Superior interpersonal skills, able to interact with all levels in a professional, positive manner, able to build trusting relationships.
- Solid leadership ability managing, coaching and developing direct reports, experience in a unionized and non unionized environments considered an asset.
- Able to influence, collaborate and negotiate cross functionally, as well as with external stakeholders to achieve results.
- Proficient computer skills with Microsoft Office products.
- Excellent time and project management, organized, possessing a solid ability to plan and follow up.
- Valid Class 'G' drivers license is required, DZ an asset.
- Ability to be on standby call with the airport as and when required.

Niagara District Airport is operated by a Municipal Services Board, and a federally regulated employer. The Government of Canada has suspended mandatory vaccination requirement for federally regulated transportation sector workers, and the Niagara District Airport Commission follows federal regulations, and as such has suspended the application of the mandatory vaccination requirement for staff as well. However, we continue to monitor government and health policies and developments related to COVID-19, and may re-introduce the application of mandatory proof of vaccination requirements at any time.

We offer a competitive benefits package, a defined pension plan, access to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), as well as a salary that is competitive based on the successful candidate's qualification.

Qualified candidates are asked to forward their resume in confidence to:

Daniel Pilon, Niagara District Airport, CEO
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We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.