



Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport

**Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport invites
applications for Airport Manager**

Lead a vital transportation hub in the
heart of Minnesota's lake country.

BRAINERD LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT

ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport (BRD) serves as a critical link between central Minnesota and destinations across the nation and internationally. Jointly owned and operated by the City of Brainerd and Crow Wing County, the airport is managed through a six-member Airport Commission (three city appointees and three county appointees).

The airport supports commercial airline service, general aviation, corporate flights, and military operations. With modern runways, a passenger terminal, and essential air service (EAS) flights, BRD plays a central role in regional economic growth and connectivity.





ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Nestled in the scenic Brainerd Lakes Area, the community offers an exceptional quality of life with year-round recreation. From boating, fishing, and golfing in the summer to skiing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing in the winter, outdoor opportunities abound.

The Brainerd Lakes Area is home to excellent schools, healthcare, and vibrant arts and culture. With affordable living costs, a welcoming community, and close-knit small-town atmosphere, it is an ideal place to live, work, and raise a family.





THE POSITION

The Airport Manager is responsible for the overall leadership and administration of Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport. Key responsibilities include:

- Overseeing day-to-day operations and ensuring compliance with FAA, TSA, and state regulations.
- Managing airport finances, including operating and capital budgets.
- Coordinating with the Airport Commission, local governments, tenants, airlines, and community stakeholders.
- Leading staff and ensuring safe, efficient, and customer-focused operations.
- Developing long-term strategic plans to enhance the airport's role in regional growth.

This is a high-visibility leadership position for a forward-thinking professional ready to guide one of Minnesota's most important regional airports.



EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

- Bachelor's degree in aviation management, business administration, public administration, or a related field (or equivalent experience).
- At least 5 years of progressively responsible airport management or aviation experience preferred.
- Strong knowledge of FAA Part 139 operations, TSA security programs, and grant administration.
- Demonstrated leadership, communication, and community relations skills.
- Accreditation with AAAE (CM/AAE) is a plus.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

- Competitive annual salary range: **\$130,000 – \$160,000**, depending on qualifications and experience.
- Comprehensive benefits package including health, dental, and retirement.
- Paid vacation and holidays.
- Professional development and continuing education opportunities.





HOW TO **APPLY**

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, résumé, and at least three professional references.

Application Deadline: October 24, 2025

Send materials to:

Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport Commission
16384 Airport Road, Suite 5, Brainerd, MN 56401

For additional information about the airport and community, visit:
brainerdairport.com



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