

**Michael Isaacs**

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## **Professional Summary**

Experienced aviation executive with over 25 years of progressive leadership in airport management, including extensive work across Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and South Dakota. Proven success in overseeing commercial service airports, driving infrastructure development, ensuring regulatory compliance, and fostering strong relationships with stakeholders. Demonstrated ability to secure air service, lead complex capital improvement projects, and manage high-performing airport teams under challenging operational conditions.

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## **Professional Experience**

### **Airport Director**

#### **Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport (LWS) – Lewiston, ID**

*2020 – Present | Salary: \$142,000*

- Executive-level director of airport operations and maintenance for a towered, commercial service FAA Part 139 airport.
- Administer \$9 million annual budget with full financial and HR oversight in an independent governance structure.
- Direct capital improvement planning and execution, including terminal upgrades, equipment acquisition, and infrastructure projects.
- Negotiate and manage 80 property and business leases; significantly expanded commercial revenue.
- Recruited new air carriers and successfully established additional routes.
- Act as public information officer and incident manager for events and emergencies.
- Built strong working relationships with local, state, and federal partners including FAA, TSA, and elected officials.
- Developed an in-house ARFF program, resulting in cost savings and improved emergency response.

### **Airport Manager**

#### **Pierre, Brookings, and Watertown Regional Airports (SD); Lewistown Municipal Airport (MT)**

*1999–2004 and 2008–2020 | Ending Salary: \$80,000*

- Managed day-to-day operations, regulatory compliance, and safety programs at multiple winter-climate FAA Part 139 airports.
- Directed multimillion-dollar AIP-funded capital improvement projects, including terminal and ARFF facility construction, runway reconstructions, and airport master planning.
- Oversaw budget development, lease administration, and business development initiatives.

- Built strong tenant and community relations to enhance airport operations and public perception.
- Led successful air service development efforts, increasing commercial flight options and passenger traffic.

### **Maintenance & Operations Superintendent**

#### **Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)**

2005 – 2008 | Ending Salary: \$75,000

- Supervised 60 personnel responsible for highways and aviation operations in Thompson Pass, Valdez, Cordova, and Tatitlek.
  - Managed \$11 million operating and \$20 million capital budgets.
  - Ensured compliance with FAA, TSA, FHWA, FEMA, and MSHA requirements.
  - Oversaw multiple concurrent construction projects for airports and highways, often under extreme weather conditions.
  - Acted as Incident Commander during natural disasters, coordinating emergency response and recovery.
  - Served as liaison and public information officer for DOT&PF in the district.
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### **Education**

#### **Commercial Aviation Studies**

Inver Hills College – Minnesota

1986 – 1990

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### **Professional Affiliations**

- Member, American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)
  - Member, Northwest Chapter of AAAE
  - Officer, Idaho Airport Manager's Association
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### **Core Competencies**

- Airport Operations & FAA Part 139 Compliance
- Air Service Development
- Capital Improvement Planning & Project Delivery
- Budgeting & Fiscal Oversight
- Emergency Management & Incident Response
- Staff Leadership & Organizational Development
- Lease Management & Business Development
- Stakeholder & Community Engagement