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David Haring, A.A.E. Executive Director Lincoln Airport Authority (Coordinator)

An Accredited Airport Executive with almost 20 years of experience in the aviation industry, David Haring currently serves at the Executive Director of the Lincoln

Airport in Lincoln, NE. In this capacity, he is responsible for the development and enforcement of all plans, policies, and programs governing the overall operation, maintenance, security and physical plant of the Airport.

Following his graduation from the University of North Dakota, David started his airport career as an intern at Jerry Olson Field in Cheyenne, WY and held in a variety positions over his 13 years there, most recently serving as its Director of Aviation from 2007 – 2014. As Director, David was responsible for all facets of the operation of the both the Cheyenne Regional Airport and the Airport owned FBO, Legend Aero Serve.

With a passion for leadership and a desire to serve as a resource for future generations, David has spent almost all of his career involved in academic relations at a variety of levels. He is a member of the Academic Relations Committee (AAAE), was the American Chair Co-Chair of the Scholarship/Internship Committee (NWAAAE), is the Academic Relations and Membership Committee Chair (GLAAAE) and has served or is serving as a Liaison for multiple student chapters of AAAE. Additionally, David serves on the Board of Directors for Leadership Lincoln, Inc. where he is also a member of the Youth Program Planning Committee.



Ann Richart, A.A.E.
State Aeronautics Director
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Ann Richart is an accredited airport executive who has been working in aviation for 35 years. She is currently the State Aeronautics Director in Nebraska and previously served as the State Aviation Director in Oregon. She's managed the

airports in Klamath Falls, Oregon; Hutchinson, Kansas; Elmira Corning, New York; and Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. She's also held positions at the Eugene Airport in Oregon and with Aurora Air Service, Audi Air, and Pacific Alaska Airlines in Fairbanks, Alaska. Richart holds a bachelors degree in Aeronautical Studies from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She has served as the president of both the Oregon and New York Airport Management Associations, president of the Northeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives, and as the Vice Chair of the National Association of State Aviation Officials. She currently serves on the Policy Review Committee of the American Association of Airport Executives and on the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Aviation Officials.