Thank you for your interest in employment with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). If you successfully complete the Transportation Security Officer (TSO) candidate evaluation process and are selected for a position, you will play a vital role in supporting the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) mission. This fact sheet conveys some of the unique operational requirements at Southeast Iowa Regional Airport that may impact TSO work schedules and other relevant information about this airport location. General information about the TSO position can be found in the Job Opportunity Announcements posted on USAJOBS.gov.

AIRPORT OVERVIEW

BRL maintains a 14-15 hour day, 6 days a week schedule with peak times between the hours of 5:15 AM to 11:15 AM and 1:15 PM to 7 PM. Screening operations for passengers and baggage are located inside the terminal and may not be temperature controlled.

WORK SCHEDULES

Since TSO work schedules are based upon the operational needs of the airport and may include non-traditional shifts, weekends, and holidays. Virtually no flexibility is offered to accommodate other commitments or employment/academic schedules. However, under the Collective Bargaining Agreement, TSA does allow one way trades and shift trades to assist with schedules.

This airport is currently assessing candidates for part-time positions with a tour of duty of 25 hours per week involving split shift scheduling. Shift schedule varies depending on flight schedule to include weekends and holidays. You could potentially work as early as 5 AM and/or as late as 7:45 PM. This consists of 4 or 5 workdays with 4 or 5 hours per day during the morning, afternoon and evening shifts. Specific shifts are assigned after new hires successfully complete their training and are subject to periodic adjustments.

TSA employees are considered emergency personnel and are expected to report for duty during inclement weather regardless of state and local restrictions on travel.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please contact the TSA HRAccess Help Desk by phone at 1-877-872-7990 or by email at HelpDesk@mailserver-hraccess.tsa.dhs.gov. If you are hearing impaired and require assistance, please call our TTY line at 1-877-872-7992.

COMMUTER INFORMATION

Onsite parking is available for TSA employees at no charge. Public transportation to the airport is not available. Subsidies for transportation are not offered at this location.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

If you are on active duty military service, are a reservist, or are a member of the National Guard who has been called to active duty, you must either be discharged or on terminal leave pending separation or released from active duty under honorable conditions prior to beginning employment with TSA.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

This position is in the bargaining unit for which the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) is the exclusive representative. Membership is voluntary. If you choose to join the union, dues are prorated.
TRAINING AND TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

Your training will be broken into 3 phases. Phase 1 is part-time at your local airport until the day before your academy class. For phase 2, all TSO new hires are required to travel for a minimum of two (2) weeks in a full-time duty status away from the employee's airport of record to complete initial training at the TSA Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located in Glynco, GA. All applicable travel expenses associated with the training will be reimbursed in accordance with TSA Travel Policy. Phase 3 will be full time at Des Moines airport (DSM) for approximately 3 weeks and will include classroom training with on-the-job training (OJT). Phase 2 plus phase 3 lasts approximately 5 weeks and will require all newly hired personnel to be away from their duty station location. You will be paid accordingly for the hours spent in training. Upon successful completion of OJT and required certifications, you will return to your home airport and begin your normal schedule.

BENEFITS

Federal employees working full-time or part-time are eligible for Federal benefits and retirement once eligibility requirements are met. Health insurance is offered through the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program. The health benefit program has many plans to choose from and all at group rates, which can be paid for with pre-tax income.

Newly hired Federal employees are automatically covered under the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) program. The life insurance value is based on the employee’s salary and whether Optional insurance is elected. Other benefit programs available include the Thrift Savings Plan, Federal Flexible Spending Account, Federal Long Term Care Insurance, Federal Dental, Vision coverage, and the Employee Benevolent Fund. Federal employees also earn leave to be used for vacation or illness. If offered a position with TSA, you should make sure that you ask for and receive a full explanation of the benefits you are eligible for and timeframes for electing coverage before accepting a job offer.

TSO DRESS AND APPEARANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

TSO uniforms are provided to employees by the agency. Employees must comply with a personal appearance standard that places restrictions on certain accessories and grooming while in uniform. This includes eyewear, jewelry, facial hair, hair, makeup, tattoos, and fingernails as well as the use of chewing gum, tobacco, and personal electronic devices.

DUAL FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTION

TSA has a strict policy governing dual Federal employment that limits the number of hours that an employee can work to 40 hours or less per week. Only specific positions within the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Census Bureau, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, and the Government of the District of Columbia qualify for an exception to this 40 hour limitation. In addition, dual employment cannot conflict with your official TSA duties, nor can it affect your fitness for duty or ability to report to work on time. Since TSA would be considered the primary employer for the purposes of scheduling work, assigning shifts, scheduling training, approving leave, etc., it is incumbent upon the employee to resolve any scheduling conflicts with the other Federal agency.