

CPC Announcement and Application for Voluntary TDY Assignment to Perform ATC Services for the Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo & Fly-In, April 11 - April 20, 2026

(Actual fly-in event is April 14 - April 19, 2026)

This is a Voluntary TDY Assignment to perform ATC Services for the Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo & Fly-In.

Duties and Responsibilities: Certified Professional Controllers (CPC) are needed to perform air traffic control services in support of the high volume of aircraft associated with the Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo & Fly-In at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, in Lakeland, Florida, April 11 - April 20, 2026. (Actual fly-in event is April 14 – April 19, 2026).

Special ATC procedures will be used to accommodate the expected high volume of traffic. These functions may be performed in tower positions, feeder control positions, mobile positions and in remote control locations. Event volunteers will normally perform a variety of duties including, but not limited to, the setup of traffic direction devices (cones and/or other signed media), setup of mobile communications equipment, and direct separation of aircraft and coordination of aircraft.

Employees selected for this assignment will be required to work long hours on their feet while exposed to the elements such as hot sun, wind, rain, and prop blast. Split shifts are required due to the airport closure each day during the air show. Employees must be available for duty during the duration of the event.

Employees will travel to Lakeland, FL on Saturday, April 11, 2026. They will be briefed and tested on Sunday, April 12, 2026. Employees will be expected to apply the procedures the next day – Monday, April 13, 2026.

Flexibility, perception, composure, and alertness during high volumes of traffic are qualities essential to this operation. Return travel is Monday, April 20, 2026.

Area of Consideration: Eastern & Central Service Area. Selections shall be made from facilities in the legacy Southern Region first. Applicants from outside the legacy Southern Region but within the Eastern Terminal Service Area shall only be selected in the event that an insufficient number of applicants are obtained from the Southern Region. Applicants from the Central Service Area shall only be selected in the event that an insufficient number of applicants are obtained from the host region. (For bidding purposes, GPT is considered a legacy Southern Region Facility)

Applicant Selection Process and Qualifications: Only FAA ATC and TMC CPC's who meet the qualifications listed below are eligible to bid. All applicants must be Certified Professional Controllers at their current facility on the date of application. Controllers must be current on local and ground positions performing at the "meets expectations" performance level with a current medical. Controllers in training will not be considered.

Participant's performance at this event will be evaluated and may have a bearing on future participation. The total number of times an individual can be selected for any position (all inclusive) at an individual special event is ten (10) unless there are no other qualified bidders. No more than five (5) instances of participation prior to April 6, 2010 will count toward the total. Applicants are permitted to bid on one position only (Veteran, Limited or Rookie). Veteran applicants will be selected first, based upon seniority within the Veteran applicants, and an Air Traffic Manager release ensured.

Once all Veteran positions are secured, then, Limited Experience applicants will be selected, based upon seniority within the Limited Experience applicants, and an Air Traffic Manager release ensured. Once all Limited Experience positions are secured, then, Rookie applicants will be selected, based upon seniority within the Rookie applicants, and an Air Traffic Manager release ensured.

1. **VETERAN Team member:** Candidates must have three (3) or more years of experience at Sun 'n Fun special events, Two (2) of them within the last five (5) years.
2. **Limited Experience Applicant:** Candidates with one (1) or two (2) years of experience at Sun 'n Fun special events within the last five (5) years.
3. **Rookie Applicant:** Candidates with no special event experience within last five (5) years.

Credit time: Credit hours may be earned during the event this year. Credit hours may be assigned as an 8-hour or 10-hour shift for those who request to work credit hours during the event. Per Article 34 of the FAA-NATCA CBA, only 24 credit hours may be carried over per pay period. Controllers should ensure they have not carried over more than 14 credit hours prior to the event to ensure volunteers can earn up to 10 hours of credit time at the event.

Applications must be submitted on or before **11:59 PM, September 30, 2025**. The applicant must inform the Air Traffic Manager and NATCA Facility Representative that they have submitted an on-line application for the event.



How to apply: Apply at www.snfbid.com

If you experience trouble accessing the website or do not receive a confirmation email within 24 hours of submitting your application please contact Carlos Rodriguez at carlos.em.rodriguez@faa.gov or Chris Martinez at cmartinez@natca.org for assistance.

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