City of El Dorado, Kansas

El Dorado/CAPTAIN JACK THOMAS MEMORIAL AIRPORT

⇒ Address: 1485 SE 30th El Dorado, KS 67042
⇒ County: Butler
⇒ Location: Approximately 4 miles to the southeast of the City of El Dorado Central Business District
⇒ Nearest Highway: Kansas Highway 77 –1 1/2 mile west of the airport
⇒ Runways: Two intersecting runways
  ◦ Asphalt 04-22
  ◦ Concrete 15-33
  ◦ Runway 04-22 is 4,204 feet long by 75 feet wide
  ◦ Runway 15-33 is 4,200 feet long by 75 feet wide
⇒ Taxiways: Three non-parallel taxiways
  ◦ Taxiways A, B, and C are Concrete, 35 foot wide, and lighted connecting to both runways for easy access for aircraft day or night
⇒ Automated Weather Observation System—AWOS-3P
⇒ Apron: 11,000 square yards and provides eight tie-downs
⇒ Size: 255.5 acres and 22.6 acres of avigation easement
⇒ Building sites are available for lease on the apron and taxiways

Future Airport Plans

♦ Parallel taxiways for both runways
♦ Extension of one runway to over 5,000’
**Location**

**Captain Jack Thomas Memorial Airport**
EQA is located in the center of Butler County, Kansas approximately 25 miles to the northeast of Wichita, Kansas. El Dorado is the county seat and the largest city in Butler County.

**Highways**
El Dorado, Kansas is located on the Kansas Turnpike (I-35). It is served by U.S. Highways 54 and 77 as well as Kansas Highways 400, 196 and 254. Access to the Kansas 400 is just a few miles south of the City of El Dorado.

**Existing Facilities**
- Building No. 1: Conventional Hangar
- Building No. 2: Terminal Building
- Building No. 3: Conventional Hangar
- Building No. 4: Conventional Hangar
- Building No. 5: Conventional Hangar
- Peterson’s Performance Plus
- Building No. 6: 4 Individual T-Hangars
- Building No. 7: 15 Unit T-Hangars
- Building No. 8: 10 Unit T-Hangars
**Fast Facts**

- El Dorado: 12,910
- Butler County: 66,092

**Number of Households**
- El Dorado: 5,093
- Butler County: 26,329

- Butler County, Kansas:
  - $ Per Capita: 23,130
  - $ Median Household: 42,813

**Land Area sq. miles**
- Butler County: 1,428

**Sales and Use Tax**
- State: 6.15%
- County: 0.25%
- El Dorado: 1.00%
- Total: 7.40%

**Mill Distribution (2015 Levy)**
- State: 1.500 mills
- Butler County: 35.012 mills
- El Dorado: 47.046 mills
- USD 490 school district: 60.835 mills
- USD 375 school district: 65.621 mills
- Butler Community College: 18.063 mills

**City Trade Pull Factor**
- El Dorado: 1.32

**(Indicates local businesses are pulling in trade from beyond their home city border-KS Department of Revenue 2015**

**Workforce**

El Dorado is home to Butler Community College, the second largest community college in the State of Kansas. The Business Education and Training (BETA) at Butler offers customized training opportunities for employers in our area. They are an excellent resource for KIT and KIR state training grant. Butler Community College enrollment for Fall 2016 is 9,440 students.

We have workforce....there are **428,140 people 16 years and older** located within a 40 mile radius of El Dorado. Because of the convenient transportation patterns to El Dorado, it is not uncommon to see people commute to El Dorado for good job opportunities. We draw strongly from the east into Greenwood County and often individuals commute from Wichita and the surrounding area. Sometimes it is quicker to drive to El Dorado to work than across a larger community like Wichita!

**Utilities**

- Water: Butler Rural Water District #6
- Sewer: Initially Holding Tank
- Electric: Butler Rural Electric
- Propane: Several Local Providers
**Business Friendly Environment**  
El Dorado, Inc. works in conjunction with the City of El Dorado to identify and access resources that will help you maximize the opportunities available in our community and with the State of Kansas.

**Tax Abatement**  
Ad valorem (real property) taxes can be abated for up to ten years, by resolution of the City or County Commission, for businesses meeting certain criteria.

**Industrial Revenue Bonds**  
Businesses that qualify for tax-exempt industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs) enjoy numerous benefits:
- Favorable interest rates
- 100% financing for land, building, equipment, architectural and legal fees
- Sales tax exemptions for buildings and fixed equipment funded with IRBs
- Based on the economic impact of the project and the number of jobs created, property tax exemptions up to a 10-year period can be granted.

**High Performance Incentive Program**  
HPIP provides tax incentives to employers that pay above-average wages and have a strong commitment to skills development for their workers. This program recognizes the need for Kansas companies to remain competitive and encourages capital investment in facilities, technology and continued employee training and education. A substantial investment tax credit for new capital investment in Kansas and a related sales tax exemption are the primary benefits of this program.

**Promoting Employment Across Kansas (PEAK)**  
is intended to encourage economic development in Kansas by incenting companies to relocate, locate or expand business operations and jobs in Kansas. The Secretary of Commerce has discretion to approve applications of qualified companies and determine the benefit period. During the benefit period, participating PEAK companies may retain 95 percent (95%) of the payroll withholding tax of PEAK-Eligible employees/jobs that pay at or above the county median wage where the operations and jobs will be located. Depending on the number of PEAK jobs/employees to be hired in Kansas and their wage levels, the Secretary can approve benefit periods for up to 10 years.

### Regional Airports

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Source: Airnav.com  
2008 Airport Master Plan