

Diane Foster

Aircraft Maintenance Manager

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SUMMARY

Aircraft Maintenance Manager with 13 years in Part 135 and Part 91 maintenance, the last 5 managing a 16-jet charter fleet and a team of 14. Runs maintenance budgets, outside MRO contracts, inspection programs and FAA compliance while keeping aircraft available for charter. Holds an FAA A&P with Inspection Authorization.

EXPERIENCE

Aircraft Maintenance Manager 05/2021 - Present
Cumberland Jet Charter Nashville, TN

Part 135 charter operator flying midsize and super-midsize business jets.

- Manage maintenance for **16** business jets, holding fleet availability at 94% through 2025.
- Own a \$9.2M annual maintenance budget, saving \$680K through engine program and vendor contract renegotiation.
- Direct 14 technicians, inspectors and planners across 2 hangars, and hire and develop every new A&P mechanic.
- Lead FAA and IS-BAO audits, keeping inspection program records and training files current, with zero findings in 2024.

Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor 03/2017 - 04/2021
Southern Skies Charter Atlanta, GA

Part 135 operator with 10 light and midsize jets.

- Supervised 8 mechanics on a 10-jet fleet, scheduling inspections around charter demand.
- Planned heavy checks with outside repair stations, bringing 3 checks in an average of 12% under budget.
- Built a parts and tooling inventory in Excel that cut AOG part waits from 3 days to 1.

A&P Mechanic 06/2013 - 02/2017
Peachtree Executive Aviation Atlanta, GA

Fixed-base operator maintenance shop for business jets.

- Performed phase inspections and squawk repairs on light and midsize jets, logging 1,800 billable hours a year.
- Troubleshoot avionics, pressurization and landing gear faults, writing clear logbook entries for owners and operators.

SKILLS

Maintenance Budgets
Inspection Programs
FAA Compliance
Fleet Availability
Heavy Checks
Vendor Management
Maintenance Planning
Logbook Entries • Excel
Team Leadership

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science
05/2013
Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, TN
Aerospace, Maintenance Management

CERTIFICATES

FAA Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) Certificate
Federal Aviation Administration
06/2013

FAA Inspection Authorization (IA)
Federal Aviation Administration
05/2018