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Meet the new exec overseeing development at John Glenn International and Rickenbacker

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Shannetta Griffin has been named chief development officer of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority

A new executive has been hired to oversee development at [John Glenn Columbus International Airport](#) and the mostly cargo-dedicated Rickenbacker International Airport.

Aviation industry veteran [Shannetta Griffin](#) will join the [Columbus Regional Airport Authority](#) as chief development officer in July, the agency announced.

Longtime Chief Development Officer [Robin Holderman](#) recently retired.

Griffin, most recently senior director of planning and development for the Indianapolis Airport Authority, will manage the planning, design and construction of facilities at the agency's three airports.

The airport authority also oversees the general aviation airport Bolton Field in southwest Columbus.

Griffin will be charged with leading one of Central Ohio's largest developments in [the creation of a new passenger terminal](#) to replace John Glenn International.

Construction will begin next year on a new rental car facility, eventually designed to support the terminal, and is expected to be completed in 2020.

“With more than 30 years of industry experience, Shannetta offers the unique combination of extensive technical knowledge and an appreciation for the value of collaboration among business partners and community stakeholders,” CRAA CEO [Elaine Roberts](#) said in a [press release](#). “Her expertise and leadership will be key as we embark on executing projects that will enhance the traveler experience and drive economic growth in the region.”

Roberts, who is [retiring by year-end](#), also spent time with the Indianapolis Airport Authority, having started her airport management career there more than 35 years ago.

Griffin, prior to her time in Indianapolis, spent 15 years with engineering firm CDM Smith. Before that, she worked for a decade with program management teams at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Griffin has a degree in civil engineering from the University of Toledo.

“I look forward to joining the highly regarded airport leadership team in Columbus,” Griffin said in the release. “Together we will work with community partners to best serve all of our customers and keep the region's economic growth top-of-mind as we go about the business of connecting Ohio with the world.”