

Cisco Intelligent Airport is based on open standards. It securely connects airport, airline, and other tenant operations to provide a cohesive, resilient, and responsive airport operating environment for physical and network security solutions, wireless networking solutions, and the SITA AirportConnect solution for flexible gate and check-in counters/kiosks and back offices. An integrated voice and data network with IP telephony for SITA Common Use Terminal Equipment (CUTE) and integrated desktop applications enables airports to offer value-added services in multi-airline gate facilities.

AirportConnect, SITA's next-generation IT platform for the airport community, is the perfect strategic complement to Cisco Intelligent Airport solutions, reducing overall costs while providing flexibility and enhanced control for all users. AirportConnect supports the deployment of airport, airline, and other tenant systems over numerous workstations using a single, open-standards-based platform.

Together, the Cisco and SITA solutions increase the flexibility of existing resources to alleviate airport congestion; enable shared gates, ticket counters, and baggage areas; provide personalized communications services; and improve security measures.

BUSINESS BENEFITS

The Cisco and SITA integrated IT environment improves the use and effectiveness of resources for safely transporting passengers and cargo through an airport facility. It enables operators to create new revenue opportunities through new service-centric environments, and it reduces costs with greater operational efficiency.

A Cisco integrated network infrastructure combined with SITA air transport applications and IT solutions provide numerous benefits, including:

- *Operational efficiency*—An environment of operational efficiency is created by interconnecting disparate systems and islands of technology to maximize the use of scarce airport resources and to improve overall communications.
- *New revenue sources*—Operators can increase revenue through the use and positioning of communications and IT infrastructure service offerings to tenants, telecommunications providers, and passengers.
- *Differentiated services*—Wireless access technology enables airports to easily and cost-effectively provide host-neutral Internet access to passengers, while delivering the security and performance that mobile professionals demand. Tenant airlines can use this technical infrastructure to provide information and services to customers.
- *Improved security*—By integrating islands of information and a communications infrastructure, airports can provide more complete, real-time emergency or threat-related information to security and response personnel, airlines, and passengers.

SUPPORTING SOLUTIONS OR PRODUCTS

From Cisco Systems:

- *Multiservice campus networks*—Enable migration to a high-bandwidth, highly reliable, converged network that provides connectivity throughout the entire airport facility, protects current investments with a standards-based, flexible IP/Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) architecture, and builds new services for airport tenants. Networked devices, such as terminals, phones, displays, printers, and cameras at airport gates, can be easily connected to the overall airport network. The resilient Cisco network architecture helps to ensure quality of service (QoS) and high availability—critical to airport operations and security applications.

- *IP telephony*—Integrates with common use airline passenger-processing systems to allow a single login for both data and voice services. Cisco IP telephony takes advantage of airport and airline legacy PBX phone systems, integrating them to enable custom phone services for each airport tenant. IP telephony can also be extended to provide call-center capabilities using the Cisco IP Contact Center.
- *Cisco VPN solutions*—Offer secure data, voice, and video communications with QoS, delivering secure connectivity so that airport tenants can access their own systems, and airlines can access their host systems, without worry of a security breach.
- *Cisco wireless LAN solutions*—Enable secure mobile data access for airport, airline, security, and service employees. These solutions can be used to deliver improved service to customers through public wireless Internet access.

From SITA:

- *AirportConnect*—Offers several multi-use managed devices, such as PCs, thin clients, and mobile phones, and uses standard software containers to facilitate deployment of dedicated and shared use airport environments to help ensure system integrity, security, and reliability. AirportConnect includes:
 - *CUTE*—Based on Windows XP, CUTE enables airlines and handling agents to access shared workstations, scanners, readers, printers, and biometric devices.
 - *Common Use Self Service (CUSS) kiosks*—AirportConnect kiosks provide cost-effective, shared system access to the host check-in processes of single or multiple airlines.
 - *AirportConnect Campus*—Provides a platform that integrates shared use applications, voice, video, and data. AirportConnect Campus is a general-purpose, multi-use, managed services offering for airports that positions the airport operator as a service provider to its tenants.
- *Passenger and baggage solutions*—Provide baggage reconciliation, tracking and tracing, and passenger check-in and departure control services. The client-server-based system manages low-cost carriers, charters, itinerant carriers, and ground handling companies.
- *Operations solutions*—Provide the critical IT systems required to effectively manage airports, including critical airport applications such as operational databases; signage; and resource management, network, hardware, and support in an end-to-end, pre-integrated offering.

THE CISCO AND SITA ALLIANCE

The Cisco and SITA global alliance creates the airport technology of the future and unites the leader in networking technology solutions (Cisco) with leadership in IT support dedicated to the air transport community (SITA). This combined solution provides airports with best practices in networking and technology delivered by a partner with in-depth understanding of the airline industry and experience in airport operations.

Only Cisco and SITA have the networking depth and breadth required to optimize the components that enable the infrastructure to work as a united system throughout an airport and across its extended infrastructure.

ABOUT CISCO

Cisco Systems is the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet. Today, networks are an essential part of business, education, government, and home communications, and Cisco IP-based networking solutions are the foundation of these networks. Cisco hardware, software, and service offerings are used to create Internet solutions that allow individuals, companies, and countries to increase productivity, improve customer satisfaction, and strengthen competitive advantage.

ABOUT SITA

SITA is a US\$1.5 billion IT services company servicing the air transport community. SITA provides airline and airport applications, systems integration services, and voice and data networking. An active member of the airline community, SITA is owned by airlines, airports, and travel agent booking engine companies.

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