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### **AIR-TRANSPORT IT SERVICES, INC. ANNOUNCES THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF ITS VIRTUALIZED MULTI-SIDED PLATFORM AT SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S NEW TERMINAL B.**

**October 10, 2011, Orlando, FL** – Air-Transport IT Services, Inc. (AirIT), a key provider of diversified information technology products and services to the air transportation industry, announced the successful implementation of its virtualized multi-sided platform for the Grand Opening of Sacramento International Airport's new Terminal B.

AirIT's common use system, EASE™ (Extended Airline System Environment), is a cornerstone of the platform that ultimately allows any equipped ticket counter or gate podium to be utilized by any airline operating on the system. The new Terminal B was designed and implemented as a full shared-use facility accommodating, Southwest Airlines, American Airlines, JetBlue, Frontier, Hawaiian, AeroMexico, and Alaska Airlines. In addition, to facilitate the dynamic operation and efficiencies of the new terminal, AirIT also implemented other key elements of the platform including, its Airport Operational Database (AODB), Resource Management System (RMS) and Flight Information Display System (FIDS).

The EASE™ virtualized technology delivers true flexibility and cost savings airports can pass on to their airline partners. Because this contemporary solution allows airlines to operate in their own native system environment, this capability is invaluable to airlines like Southwest, who can now seamlessly use any gate or ticket counter while enjoying all of the business capabilities resident in their own proprietary applications. Betros Wakim, CEO of AirIT adds, "AirIT is proud to deliver a common-use solution that does not require airlines to deviate from their own processes and importantly, does not require them to develop any new software. Unfortunately, in this economically challenged industry, airlines are being faced with additional application development and support requirements at other airports that have chosen to implement more restrictive common use solutions. AirIT has been Sacramento's provider of its EASE™ common-use solution since 2003 and while we have upgraded the platform as the technology has migrated from its original version to our most current virtualized solution, system upgrades didn't require additional cost or any application development for the airport or its airlines. Steve Baird, Deputy Director of Information Technology and Telecommunications adds, "We believe that providing this innovative technology allows the airport to provide a valuable service, while delivering operational flexibility and efficiencies for the airlines. In the industry today, cost control and reduction is of paramount importance to the airlines and to airport operators alike. Implementing a common-use solution that allows the airlines to continue to use their existing software without any impediment speaks directly to this goal. The technology delivers a win-win result for the airlines and the airport and continues to foster the productive partnership that we enjoy in Sacramento."

#### **About Air-Transport IT Services, Inc.**

Air-Transport IT Services, Inc., with corporate offices in Orlando, Florida, offers airlines and airport IT systems that enable them to deliver, display, manage and employ information that improves operations, customer satisfaction and revenue generation. The company's airport operational, passenger processing and revenue management solutions are the most comprehensive offerings available to the global air transportation industry. In addition to its product offerings, AirIT also provides consulting services, networking and installation and 24 x 7 support. AirIT is proud to be one of the top 100 best companies to work for in Florida, according to Florida Trend Magazine's annual issue of "Florida's Best Companies to Work For."

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