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**AIR-TRANSPORT IT SERVICES, INC. ADDS FORT WAYNE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE DIVERSE LIST OF AIRPORTS USING ITS VIRTUALIZED SHARED-USE PASSENGER PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY**

**June 29, 2011, Orlando, FL** – Air-Transport IT Services, Inc. (AirIT), a key provider of diversified information technology products and services to the air transportation industry, today announced that they are providing their EASE™ shared-use infrastructure platform solution to the Fort Wayne International Airport. This technology is being implemented as part of the airports' ambitious air service development initiative. A Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) grant that was provided by the US Department of Transportation is funding this project.

AirIT's shared-use airline check-in system, EASE™ (Extended Airline System Environment), ultimately will allow any equipped ticket counter, gate podium or back office to be utilized by any airline operating on the system. This added efficiency will dramatically reduce airline costs and make the decision to add or expand service easier. By transferring the responsibility of IT infrastructure from the airline to the airport, the airport will create a competitive advantage that is appreciated by the airlines. Most importantly, the airport will enhance its ability to attract new service by enhancing the airport's ability to demonstrate a lower operating cost structure than that of other airports of similar size and market potential.

This contemporary technology platform delivers facility flexibility and cost savings that airports can deliver efficiently to their airline partners. The implementation of shared use will leverage the value of the SCASD grant by serving as a true air service development catalyst. Unlike other air service development incentives, investment in infrastructure positively affects airline-operating costs on an ongoing basis and allows the airport to share the benefits of its investment across multiple airlines. Betros Wakim, CEO and CTO of AirIT, applauds the airport's goal of using technology to attract air service and states, "This system is a multi-sided infrastructure platform based on contemporary virtualization. EASE™ is based on industry-leading VMware™ technology that is rapidly becoming a standard throughout the IT industry. Simply put, by utilizing this technology we are able to allow airlines the ability to operate in their own proprietary software environments without the need to create or change any software, as is required with other competing common use technologies." Tory Richardson, Executive Director of Airports adds, "With this new system, airline operations at FWA will be more flexible, allowing the airlines to use any gate in the terminal. This flexibility will allow any airline starting service at FWA in the future to do so in a more timely and cost effective manner."

**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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