

CONSULTANT & CONTRACTOR NEWS

Two Japanese consultant companies, Azusa Sekkei and Oriental Consultants, have signed an agreement with the Ministry of Road, Transport, Construction & Urban Development, Civil Aviation Authority of Mongolia to provide their services for building a new international airport in Tuv province (#824.1). The two companies have been selected by JAICA and the Finance Ministry of Mongolia. The new airport, in the Khoshigt [Khushig] Valley, some 50 km south-west of Ulaanbaatar, will relieve the pressure on the capital's 'Chingghis Khaan Airport' by offering multiple departure and arrival routes. Executing companies will be chosen through tender bids. The building and construction plans will be ready later in 2009 and the tender will be announced in 2010. Construction will be between 2012 and 2015. The airport will begin operations in 2015. It will be four times bigger than the current airport, able to receive 1.7 million passengers per year and serve 18 100 flights. -- The Mongolian Government will pay for the construction with a 40-year soft loan from the Japanese International Co-operation Bank for JPY 28.8 billion (USD 290 million). Repayment over the first ten years will be free of interest; thereafter the rate will be 0.2% a year. #860.CON1

Oman's Ministry of Transport & Communications has signed OMR 579.5 million (more than USD 1.5 billion) of deals for the development of its aviation infrastructure. The venture consists of 13 agreements including a USD 1.17 billion deal with the Consolidated Contractors Company of Oman in joint venture with Turkey's TAV to undertake civil works at Muscat International Airport. Other projects include a USD 97.6 million contract with Strabag Oman Company for building Sohar Airport in Al Batinah and a USD 60.8 million contract with Desert Line Projects Company to build the Al Duqm Airport in Al Wusta (#858.1-4). According to Abdul Ragim bin Salim al-Harami, Director-General of Meteorology & Air Navigation at the Ministry, the agreement relates to the development of infrastructure at Muscat Airport, including construction of a main road for the airport, a new apron at the internal corridors, as well as the roads which connect all the airport entrances, roundabouts and the main road which connects Sultan Qaboos Road to the main road. All projects are to be completed by the end of 2012, with operations starting at the beginning of 2013. #860.CON2

Four firms have been shortlisted for the future Aéroport du Grand Ouest at Notre-Dame des Landes near Nantes in France: Vinci, Bouygues, NGE/ETCO (the engineering arm of the Paris-based Ginger Group), and Canada's SNC Lavalin associated with Spain's Abertis Group. The winning bidder will be selected in late 2010, with the financing arrangements offered by each group being a prime criterion. The new airport is scheduled for commissioning by 2015. #860.CON3

Denver International Airport (DIA) has selected Parsons Transportation Group to serve as programme manager for the airport's South Terminal Redevelopment Programme. DIA's plans to develop the area directly south of Jeppesen Terminal include a new Westin Hotel, the DIA FasTracks station, an open-air plaza above the station, and expansion of Levels 5 and 6 of the terminal. The South Terminal Redevelopment Programme will also include the design for a major FasTracks bridge over Peña

Boulevard and one over the exit roadway, among other projects. The contract between Parsons and DIA has a seven-year term, with up to two two-year extensions, for a total maximum cost of USD 160 million. Parsons Transportation Group was selected based on its proposed personnel, expertise, and the inclusion of Santiago Calatrava as the group's signature architect. Calatrava is a world-renowned structural engineer and architect who has designed visually stunning and instantly recognizable structures such as the Sundial Bridge in Redding/Calif., the TGV Railway Station in Liège/Belgium, the new Sondica Airport terminal in Bilbao/Spain, and the Olympic Sports Complex in Athens/Greece. Denver Manager of Aviation, Kim Day, said: "The addition of Santiago Calatrava as the lead designer is an incredible benefit to the City of Denver and the State of Colorado. I have no doubt that his work here in Denver will enhance and respect the existing Jeppesen Terminal, while making DIA one of the most attractive, competitive, and envied airports in the world." #860.CON4

URS Corporation has been awarded a contract by the City of Dallas to manage its capital development programme at Dallas Love Field Airport. URS will assist the City of Dallas Department of Aviation in managing a wide variety of design and construction projects totalling about USD 1 billion. The contract has a term of two years with two two-year extensions. The projects include modernization of the Dallas Love Field terminal building complex and possibly construction of an Automated Peoplemover (APM) system between the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Love Field transit station and the Love Field terminal building. The programme also will include improvements to the airfield. Commenting on the contract award, Gary V. Jandegian, President of the URS Division, said: "The projects at Love Field require a blend of local and national expertise. Our 300-person locally-based professionals, teamed with the breadth of URS' national aviation and programme management expertise, provide the depth of resources needed for this complex programme. We look forward to the successful completion of the programme over the next several years." -- URS Corporation is a leading provider of engineering, construction and technical services for public agencies and private-sector companies around the world. Headquartered in San Francisco, the company operates through three divisions: the URS Division, the EG&G Division, and the Washington Division. Contact via: www.urscorp.com #860.CON5

Lawyers representing one of the three companies bidding to act as General Manager for Phase One of the Nassau Airport redevelopment project is calling for greater transparency in the awarding of other contracts still to come. "Any contract that is affiliated with the Bahamas Government should be a matter of public disclosure and public information," said Ryan Pinder, legal representative for bidder Florida-based MCM Corp. His statement follows the selection of the Lynden Pindling International Airport redevelopment Phase 1 general contractor. Officials at the Nassau Airport Development Co (NAD), formed by international airport management company YVRAS to oversee operations, announced that Canadian company Ledcor Construction had won the contract. Ledcor, headquartered in Vancouver, was one of three North American companies to submit bids for the contract. Ledcor also won the contract for a recent USD 117 million upgrade to the domestic terminal at Vancouver International Airport operated by the Vancouver International Airport Authority, the parent company for YVRAS. Pinder says that it is this very connection that highlights the need for greater transparency. MCM Corp. wants to examine Ledcor's bid to assure themselves the selection process was even-handed and that Bahamian companies will win a significant share of the airport work. -- Ledcor will take the lead on

construction of a 247 000-ft² U.S. departures terminal and pier, as well as 1 million ft² of asphalt apron, expanded parking facilities and new roadways. #860.CON6

In order to position Perm Bolshoe Savino Airport competitively within the changing Russian aviation environment, the regional Government of Perm Krai commissioned Lufthansa Consulting (LCG) to develop a strategy for its airport. With this project, LCG has continued the successful project work for Perm Airport for which it also recently conducted a market potential analysis, a traffic forecast, and an infrastructure assessment. The project focused on defining the strategic traffic segments to be addressed, and on identifying traffic development opportunities. In addition, a strategic action plan was delivered. -- The changing nature of air traffic patterns within Russian and on international routes is creating new challenges as well as opportunities for Russian airports. It is therefore crucial that airports work on positioning themselves and do not leave this to the airlines and their view of route and network opportunities. Actively addressing route potentials and approaching domestic and international airlines on the basis of an airport strategy is the next logical step in the successful development of an airport. Strategic planning and positioning has to be the most important task for any airport in Russia. #860.CON7

Power and automation company ABB India has secured a INR 550 million order from Italian-Thai Development Public Company and ITD Cementation, the contractors for the modernization of Kolkata Airport project. ABB's scope of work includes critical electrical infrastructure and control systems to ensure a reliable power supply to the airport. The solution is expected to consist of several power technologies, including power and distribution transformers, low-voltage switchgear, and power backup. The contract also includes provision of complete system engineering, supply, installation, testing, commissioning, and overall project management. --Kolkata's new 180 000-m² integrated passenger terminal is scheduled to be completed by 2011. #860.CON8

National Aviation Company of India Ltd (NACIL) plans to appoint a consultant to assist in aligning the processes and systems of Indian Airlines and the erstwhile Air India, and to bring them on par with Star Alliance standards. NACIL has floated a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking bids from interested parties across the globe to advise the company in "defining, upgrading and revamping of processes and systems in various areas of the commercial functioning in the airline." This exercise by NACIL, called the 'Commercial Transformation Project' is only a part of the revamp plan for its commercial processes, systems, and infrastructure. According to the tender document, the company defines the commercial domain as the entire gamut of activities that cover product delivery, passenger handling and sales, and marketing functions. However, in this RFP, the company is looking for an expert to help it align reservations and ticketing, pre- and post-flight processes, call centre processes and management, passenger handling at airports, and frequent flyer programme and revenue management processes. #860.CON9

Corgan Associates, one of the largest U.S.-based architectural firms, was recently recognized by the Texas Society of Architects (TSA) in its 2009 Design Award competition. TSA selected International Terminal D at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport as one of the Top Design winners.

Corgan served as the Architect of Record and Design Architect on the project. The TSA Design Awards recognize outstanding architectural projects by architects practising in Texas and promotes public interest in architectural excellence. The annual competition focuses state-wide attention on the quality of the built environment while highlighting the important role architects play in every community. Out of 261 entries, Terminal D was one of only twelve designs that were selected for this top honour. According to the TSA, Terminal D was chosen because its design is "a space that reflects cultural boldness and supports major passenger flows." David Lind, Corgan Managing Principal, said: "It is an honour to be recognized for our inventive and collaborative design efforts on Terminal D. Corgan's team of designers worked seamlessly with the expansive Terminal D project team in order to deliver a functional yet inviting space." Terminal D has an area of 185 000 m² and is one of the largest terminals built post 9/11. It consolidates DFW's international operations into a single, premier structure, featuring 24-m high ceilings, large open processing halls, glass walls, and a sleek stainless steel roof. #860.CON10

Sean Bogart, an architect in the Aviation Division at U.S. consultant Gresham, Smith & Partners, predicts that Baggage Handling Systems (BHS) will continue to evolve with a focus on creating a better staff and passenger experience, greater efficiencies and increased safety. Automation and self-service options have long been utilized as ways of improving services and increasing productivity. The advent of 'no-lift' designs at ticket counters has improved the level of automation in recent years. As installed in the Alaska Airlines terminal at Anchorage International Airport (ANC), the ticket counter take-away belt runs perpendicular to the main take-away. The passenger sets a bag on the belt to be weighed; when complete, the belt advances to the main take-away and from there to the BHS matrix for level 1 screening. This process helps to reduce the repetitive strain injury associated with such tasks typically performed by an airline agent, thus reducing operational costs. Recently this 'no-lift' design approach has evolved to the baggage inspection rooms, where such devices allow the TSA to perform trace detection without the need to lift and carry the bag from alarm line to ETD table, and then to a cleared bag line. Contact Sean by e-mail at Sean_Bogart@gspnet.com #860.CON11

U.S. consultant ATP Compliance and Safety Solutions Group has announced that the FAA has approved ATP's Part 121 Certification Consultant Agreement through January 2011. Under the FAA Certification Consultant Programme, qualified firms such as ATP may be used by Part 121 applicants to assist new-entrant carriers or carriers changing Operations Specifications with the FAA certification process. In January 2009, ATP became one of only seven aviation consulting firms to meet the qualifications necessary to be recognized as Part 121 Certification Consultant and continues to maintain the high programme standards and requirements established by the FAA. ATP provides companies with the expertise needed to expedite the complex certification process. By streamlining the certification process, ATP saves both time and money on behalf of those seeking certification. -- According to the FAA, the Part 121 certification process is extremely complex and the success of the process is predicated upon the quality of the application. ATP's Chief Executive Officer, Carol Daniels, said: "To become a qualified certification consultant requires arduous FAA training and scrutiny, and to maintain our qualification is certainly a testament to the quality of our team of seasoned experts and the successful results of our projects." #860.CON12

ICTS Europe Holdings BV, a leading provider of transport and general security services, has announced the constitution of its new Supervisory Board. After a successful completion in 2008 of the sale process from Fraport to DBAG (#828.GSE12), funds managed by DBAG and ICTS Europe Holdings BV's management, ICTS Europe Holdings BV has engaged highly qualified industry leaders to strengthen the company's position. The Supervisory Board, which will be led by its chairman Geert Wirken, will counsel ICTS Europe Holding BV's Executive Board of Directors on a wide variety of issues, including the expansion of the business, as well as development and implementation of new products and services. Zamir Eldar, President of ICTS Europe Holdings BV, said: "Our Supervisory Board members are amongst the most distinguished executives in their fields worldwide. They will help us to enhance the current and future industry needs and focus our energies and R&D into further innovative solutions aiming to improve our customers' competitiveness. I am sure that our Supervisory Board members' particular knowledge, global reputation and exceptional involvement will be a valuable resource to ICTS Europe Holdings BV as we rapidly continue to expand and strengthen our leadership in the industry." #860.CON13

Combitech AB and Integra A/S, two well-established and independent consultancy companies, have signed an Agreement of Co-operation regarding consultancy services for technical information systems. The co-operation will include services and technical solutions within the aviation, defence and public sector in Europe. Initial areas of co-operation are services for system safety, information security, system architecture, system validation, communication, interoperability and training. Thomas Ragnarsson, head of Command & Control Systems business unit at Combitech, said: "We are delighted at this co-operation with an ambitious and entrepreneurial partner like Integra and we are confident that the co-operation will significantly contribute to new markets for both Combitech and Integra." Managing Director of Integra, Peter Thorsen, said he was confident that it would bring added value for the customers of the two companies. #860.CON14

CAA International (CAAi), a wholly owned subsidiary of the U.K. Civil Aviation Authority, launched a new corporate brand and website on 1 July 2009 as part of a business expansion strategy for CAAi, which will also include establishing additional regional offices worldwide following the successful opening of CAAi's Dubai base in January 2009. Established in April 2007, CAA International has grown significantly over the last two years, supporting industry and government both in the U.K. and abroad by providing access to the broad range of expertise that is available from one of the world's leading aviation regulators. Nigel Coules, CEO of CAA International, said: "We are very excited about the future of CAA International and the huge potential for growth. With this in mind the new corporate image has been developed as part of a three-year communications plan focussed on increasing awareness of the brand and capabilities worldwide. We hope that the new website proves popular with existing clients and new visitors alike. It is our intention to make it as user-friendly and informative as possible and we would welcome feedback on ways in which it can be made more useful." #860.CON15

An increasing number of airport executives around the world have a competitive advantage helping them improve performance and increase productivity. Coming from 46 countries, these airport executives, more than 40% of whom are Chief Executive Officers or Vice Presidents, are on their

way to earning their International Airport Professional (IAP) designation. The Global ACI-ICAO Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme (AMPAP), a strategic initiative born from a partnership between ACI and ICAO, was launched in March 2007. AMPAP is an executive development programme for airport managers, providing them with a broad overview of all functional areas in an airport. Aimed at creating a global network for airport executives, AMPAP enables international airport managers to share best managerial practices in a cross-cultural setting. Candidates completing the required six courses earn the International Airport Professional (IAP) designation which is fast becoming the hallmark of excellence in global airport training. The next opportunity to join AMPAP will be hosted by the Dubrovnik Airport in Croatia from 20 to 25 September 2009. For more information contact registrar@iap.aero, or register at www.iap.aero #860.CON16

Names

Simtra, developer of the PathPlanner software for airport design, has announced a number of key appointments. Ben van Leest has been named as its new Managing Director with effect from 1 May 2009. Previously he was responsible for Sales and Training. Ben succeeds Ingvar Persson who has headed Simtra for the past ten years. Flavia Siösteen has been appointed Director for Aviation Software, and the new Director for Transportation Software is Axel Boëthius. Sanna Uppling has taken over as Finance Director. -- A new PathPlanner A5 version is now available for download. This version introduces compatibility with AutoCad 2010 and the new Side view command to check vertical clearance. In addition to this, various other improvements have been made and the library with aircraft, vehicles and boarding bridges has been further extended. #860.CON17

Michael Eggenschwiler, CEO of Hamburg Airport, has joined the Board of ACI EUROPE. Michael Eggenschwiler has been a member of the Executive Board at Hamburg Airport since 2003. A native of Switzerland, he studied business administration before beginning his career as assistant to the Executive Board at Switzerland's Crossair. #860.CON18

Airports Council International (ACI) has announced two key management appointments in the organization. Georgina Graham will serve as Director of the ACI Bureau based in Montreal/Canada, and Ali Tounsi will serve as Regional Secretary for the ACI Africa Region, based in Casablanca/Morocco. ACI World Director General, Angela Gittens, said: "We are delighted to welcome two such highly qualified professionals to fill these top level positions." Graham will focus on furthering cross-industry collaboration with industry partners in the global context of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), whereas Tounsi will focus on advancing the interests of the Africa Region's 200 member airports located in 47 countries. #860.CON19