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Manchester Airports Group, which operates Manchester, London Stansted and East Midlands airports (United Kingdom), has appointed AtkinsRéalis to support its long-term infrastructure and development programmes.

AtkinsRéalis, a Canada-based engineering and project management company, will provide consultancy services under a new Capital Investment Consultancy Services framework. This includes programme management, cost management, health and safety, operational readiness and design services across the group's airports.

The company has also been selected as the preferred provider for built environment design services in the South region, including work at London Stansted Airport (England, United Kingdom). Additional roles include architectural, security engineering and mechanical, electrical and plumbing design services.

The eight-year framework will support capital investment projects aimed at expanding capacity, improving passenger facilities and enhancing operational resilience across the group's airport network. #1266.CON1

Hannover Airport (Germany) has entered a partnership with the Board of Airline Representatives in Germany to improve operational processes and passenger services.

The collaboration focuses on enhancing ground handling and overall passenger experience through closer coordination between airlines and the airport operator. Hannover Airport, which operates under a 24-hour licence, handled approximately 5.3 million passengers in 2025 and serves more than 60 direct destinations, while also supporting cargo operations, police aviation and emergency services.

BARIG, which represents over 100 national and international airlines, will work with the airport to exchange operational expertise and improve efficiency across airline and airport activities within Germany's aviation sector. #1266.CON2

Budimex S.A. has submitted the lowest bid for deep foundation works at the new airport planned between Warsaw and Lodz (Poland).

The tender, launched on 12 December 2025 by Centralny Port Komunikacyjny, a state-owned company developing a national transport hub, attracted six bids from pre-qualified contractors by 20 February 2026. Budimex's offer of PLN 145,952,189.91 (approximately USD 36.5 million) was the most competitive within the allocated budget.

The works cover the installation of more than 8,194 piles and columns ranging from 9 to 30 metres in length, with a total combined length exceeding 140 kilometres. The contract also includes intermediate foundations forming the structural base for the future passenger terminal.

Contract signing is expected in June 2026, with construction starting later in the year. Piling works are scheduled for completion by the end of 2027, with final acceptance planned for early 2028. The airport forms part of the Port Polska programme, which includes a new hub airport and high-speed rail network, with an initial capacity of 34–44 million passengers annually. #1266.CON3

Wroclaw Airport (Poland) has awarded a contract to a consortium of AKE Studio and WLC Inżynierowie to design the expansion of its passenger terminal.

The scope includes preparation of the architectural and functional concept, full design documentation, administrative approvals and design supervision. Planned works cover extension of the terminal to the east and west, construction of a departures pier, a multi-storey car park for around 1,600 vehicles, ground handling infrastructure and reconfiguration of the airport road system. The expanded terminal is expected to reach a capacity of approximately 10 million passengers annually and to double its current floor area.

The contract forms part of a wider investment programme valued at more than PLN 1 billion (USD 247 million), which also includes airside works such as new taxiways, an apron for 14 aircraft and a rapid-exit taxiway. The design consortium has 18 months to complete the project documentation and approvals.
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Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport (California, United States) will receive its first commercial passenger terminal under a design contract awarded to JZMK Partners by Coachella Airports, LLC. The planned facility will include four gates, including one international gate, and is intended to accommodate regional, national and international passenger services. The terminal will serve the Coachella Valley, providing closer access to regional destinations and reducing travel distances for passengers.

The design incorporates Mid-Century Modern architectural elements, with features such as large overhangs, glass façades for natural light, and layouts emphasising indoor-outdoor connectivity. The project will also include desert landscaping with native vegetation, shade structures and water-efficient irrigation systems.

Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport is located in Thermal in Riverside County and currently functions primarily as a general aviation airport serving private, corporate and seasonal traffic linked to major regional events. The airport features a main runway measuring approximately 2,591 m (8,500 ft) and supports a range of business aviation operations, with facilities including aircraft parking, hangars and support services. Project timelines and construction schedule details have not been disclosed.

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McFarland-Johnson, a US-based engineering and infrastructure consulting firm, has appointed David P. Smith as regional director for New York to lead transportation activities in Central New York. Smith brings more than 30 years of public-sector experience, including 33 years at the New York State Department of Transportation, a state agency responsible for transport infrastructure. He most recently served as regional director for Central New York, managing over 500 staff across six counties and overseeing major projects including the Interstate 81 programme and transport works linked to Micron Technology developments.

In his new role, he will be responsible for expanding the firm's transportation services and overseeing project delivery in the region, with a focus on planning and infrastructure development. The appointment forms part of McFarland-Johnson's strategy to strengthen its presence in Central New York and support a growing pipeline of infrastructure projects. #1266.CON6

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