

SupplyAccess Inc. to Provide eProcurement Solution for Los Angeles World Airports

Key Factors in Three-Year Contract Are Cost Savings, Fast Implementation, System Flexibility and Prior Experience Using a SupplyAccess Solution

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 11, 2000-- SupplyAccess Inc., an innovative provider of hosted software solutions that automate eProcurement in the IT and indirect goods markets, today announced that it has been awarded a three-year contract with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA).

LAWA is the government agency that runs Los Angeles International, Ontario International, Van Nuys and Palmdale Airports. The SupplyAccess solution allows LAWA to streamline its processes and automate its procurement procedures. LAWA will maintain the flexibility it requires while cutting turnaround time to process orders, thereby significantly reducing procurement costs. Additionally, other city of Los Angeles Departments can leverage this contract to automate and improve their procurement processes.

SupplyAccess is creating a private marketplace where LAWA's bidding process can be simplified and automated for all vendors. It will offer an automated workflow schedule to replace the existing paper-based workflow.

In addition, SupplyAccess will host more than 250 catalogs of both IT and MRO products from approved vendors. Each of these elements contributes to cost savings by replacing the paper-based processes currently being utilized by more than 2,300 government employees.

SupplyAccess provides hosted global eProcurement connectivity to contracted suppliers and leading marketplaces without costly onsite application implementation by customers or suppliers. LAWA will utilize the functionality to transform the way their employees purchase indirect goods by redefining the procurement process, reducing its costs, eliminating inefficiencies and accelerating transaction cycles.

Eyad Shahibi, director of Information Technology for the Los Angeles World Airports, said: "LAWA has very aggressive growth plans to support the exploding passenger and cargo traffic in Southern California. To keep pace, an efficient eProcurement system is an absolute necessity."

Kevin Schatzle, chief executive officer of SupplyAccess commented: "The key factor in winning this contract is that our solution delivers real savings. It is designed with the flexibility to deliver the rigorous information reporting and controls that the strict guidelines of government agencies require."

"Additionally, we are aggressively pursuing other government organizations to show them how quickly and cost-efficiently SupplyAccess solutions can help streamline their procurement processes by automating them."

About SupplyAccess

SupplyAccess Inc. is a privately held company providing software solutions that enable business-to-business (B2B) eCommerce in the IT and operating resource markets. Through the SupplyAccess Commerce Platform(SM) — a suite of integrated and Web-based, hosted software solutions — SupplyAccess provides strategic eProcurement, supplier integration and marketplace solutions to various corporate, government and educational organizations.

Powering B2B solutions for hundreds of customers, SupplyAccess enables more efficient trade and collaboration between buyers, suppliers and market makers. SupplyAccess investment partners include industry leaders such as SAP Ventures (a Division of SAP AG), Tech Data Corp. (NASDAQ/NMS: TECD - news), Peregrine Systems (NASDAQ: PRGN - news), En Pointe Technologies (NASDAQ:ENPT - news), Rustic Canyon Ventures (formerly TMCT Ventures) and Avalon Investments. More information about SupplyAccess can be found at www.firstsource.com.

About Los Angeles World Airports

Los Angeles World Airports is a self-supporting branch of the city of Los Angeles, governed by a seven-member Board of Airport Commissioners. The board is composed of public-spirited business and civic leaders who are appointed by the mayor and approved by the City Council. Policies of the commission are carried out by a professional administrative staff and nearly 2,300 employees who operate and maintain four airports in the system, Los Angeles International, Ontario International, Van Nuys and Palmdale Airports.

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