

SIEMENS LANDS MAJOR SYSTEMS SCHEME DESIGN CONTRACT AT HEATHROW'S NEW PASSENGER TERMINAL

Airport owner BAA has agreed a 5,4 million US\$ (about 4 million €) contract with Siemens Building Technologies to design the entire information and communications system for the planned new Eastern Terminal at Heathrow.

Heathrow Eastern Terminal will replace Terminal 2 and the Queen's Building and will be used by the Star Alliance, the global group of more than 20 airlines.

Siemens, as Master Systems Integrator (MSI), is responsible for the end-to-end delivery, from concept design to operational readiness of the Information and Control Systems (ICS) portfolio. This will integrate the various systems for building management, security, fire communication, flight information and airport operations.

Heathrow Eastern Terminal is designed to handle approximately 20 million passengers a year and will take around four years to finish. The systems design will enable every organisation based there to communicate effectively and meet the overall objective of enabling passengers to move swiftly and efficiently through the terminal.

The project is led by Siemens Building Technologies Security Systems in the UK with support from the Siemens global centre of excellence for command and control security projects in Athens. Regarding to Siemens Building Technologies, "BAA wasn't looking for just a contractor but a partner who can handle the technologies and resources for a project of this scale. The experience that Siemens has in similar size projects around the world reassured BAA that they have a safe pair of hands to deliver in these very important areas such as security, fire and information management."