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Security Manufacturers Coalition Formed

New Group Will Advocate for Adequate Government Funding and Transparency, Harmonized International Regulations

The Airport Consultants Council (ACC) today announced the formation of a new coalition of security manufacturing companies. The Security Manufacturers Coalition will serve as the unified voice of companies that manufacture security screening technology. Organized under ACC, the coalition will focus on aviation and intermodal security issues in the U.S. and globally.

“Having security companies come together as a dynamic voice will be a value-added proposition for the aviation security industry,” said ACC President Paula Hochstetler. “Creating a platform for a united message from manufacturers will facilitate efficiencies in the development and implementation of next-generation screening technologies. It will ultimately improve security, ease passenger travel and benefit commerce.”

Members of the coalition include manufacturers of security screening technology that is tested and certified to meet internationally-recognized standards. Member companies provide security screening equipment to a large number of public and private organizations worldwide. Initial members of the Security Manufacturers Coalition include American Science and Engineering, Analogic, L-3 Security & Detection Systems, Morpho Detection, Rapiscan Systems, Reveal Imaging Technologies, Inc. and Smiths Detection. The coalition is continuing to recruit additional members to strengthen its efforts in working with regulators and legislators.

The coalition intends to address issues that most affect security technology companies, such as: partnering with government to create strategic plans for the deployment of screening technologies; partnering with government to define requirements to better drive research and development investments; advocating for adequate funding levels; encouraging transparency in funding; advocating for efficient and equitable acquisition processes; and providing attention to ongoing harmonization of international standards and regulations.

The Airport Consultants Council (ACC) is the international trade association that represents private businesses involved in the development and operations of airports and related facilities. ACC is the only association that focuses exclusively on the business interests of firms with airport-related technical expertise. ACC informs its members of new trends while promoting fair competition and procurement practices that protect the industry's bottom line. Founded in 1978, ACC Headquarters is located in the Washington, D.C. area.