

Access control for Bilbao's new Exhibition Centre

Telvent to provide Automated Control Systems for Bilbao Exhibition Centre

Madrid, November 4, 2003 – Telvent, the information technology subsidiary of Abengoa, announced today that it will design, supply and install an integrated Client Access Control and Management system for the new exhibition enclosure in the Bilbao Exhibition Centre (BEC). The multifunctional facility will incorporate the latest monitoring and security technology, which will contribute directly to the increased efficiency of Bilbao's trade fair program.

The project includes a Parking system for vehicle access management, as well as an Accreditation system for monitoring the people entering the exhibition pavilions. Both the Parking system and the Accreditation system will be accessible to visitors on-line, providing the capability to reserve and pay in advance for those services using the Internet.

According to Manuel Sanchez Ortega, Telvent's CEO, "Our successful experience with similar projects in Bilbao, Madrid, and Bello Horizonte (Brazil) and RENFE was key to the awarding of this contract. This project, which exceeds two million Euros, further consolidates Telvent's leadership role in the payment and access control areas, which is based on the most advanced technology currently available."

The primary objective for the new Telvent installation is to monitor and control visitor access to the Bilbao fairground based on an automated accreditation system which will manage the various venues. The data obtained by this system will be collected and compiled along with the information obtained from other BEC systems, in order to provide enhanced overall management of the facility. The new Telvent system will also provide BEC with the ability to manage multiple events simultaneously, while providing efficient and secure occupancy control for each event, based on the specific site requirements for each venue.

The new Telvent parking system, which is an integral component of the overall installation, will provide management and control of a large public parking area with more than 4000 vehicle spaces. The Exhibition centre features seven entrances and 14 controlled exits, and includes configurable reversible lanes that allow traffic flow to be optimized, based on the entry and exit requirements of visitors. The project also includes 20 automatic pay machines and five manual payment cashiers. Based on its location, which is close to a highway interchange as well as an underground train station, it is anticipated that the new parking facility will reduce the number of vehicles which would otherwise be parking in the north section of Bilbao's metropolitan area, causing congestion for local residents.

The project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2003, although the visitors' entrance for the facility will not be operational until the end of February, 2004, when the first event is scheduled to be hosted in the new Exhibition Centre.

About Telvent

Telvent, Abengoa's Information Technology subsidiary, specializes in IT solutions with high technological added value for specific industrial sectors such as Energy, Environment, Traffic, Transport, Telecom and Public Administration. Telvent is a leading supplier to these industries in Spain, North America, Latin America and Asia.

With over 40 years experience in industrial supervisory control and business process management systems, Telvent executes projects and provides technical services in the field of mission-critical, realtime control and information management. With the most comprehensive portfolio of outsourcing and consulting services, and employing a technology-neutral philosophy, Telvent manages IT and telecommunications infrastructure for an extensive international client base. (www.telvent.com)

About Abengoa

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