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Aviation Expertise Marketplace

Type B Messaging Cost Reduction Project

Project Overview

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Introduction

- ✓ Airsource Partners, the initiator of the Aviation Expertise Marketplace, recently launched a Project aimed at helping airlines reduce their Teletype B Messaging costs
- ✓ Airsource Partners and Marketplace member KaZa IT Services from Cyprus have joined forces to develop a unique resultsoriented methodology described in the following slides
- ✓ Following a successful Project at launch client ASKY Airlines Airsource Partners is eager to let more airlines benefit from the Project

Type-B Messaging: Background

- ✓ IATA Type B messaging still extensively used by airlines represents a convenient short-hand and worldwide means of data distribution
- ✓ Type B is considered a reliable and secure operating messaging protocol available at all times ideal for mission-critical processes

However:

- ✓ Type B represents a major financial burden at many airlines due to its intrinsic cost and the growing number of Type B requirements
- ✓ Many airlines have lost control on Type B costs over time and have never audited them in details or looked at alternative options

How to Control Type B Costs

Rigorous and continuous Type B Messaging costs analysis and control lead to significant savings

- ✓ Detailed review of airline's messaging/communication strategy
- ✓ Methodical analysis of past / present Type B traffic and volumes to identify areas of improved efficiency & cost reductions
- Optional: deployment of an automated tool for a more efficient messaging environment for storage, routing and processing of all type B messages in accordance with industry protocols

Goals and Objectives

Business Goals & Objectives	Actions & Results
Telecommunication costs reduction	Audit and analysis of operational practices and business requirements highlight potential savings opportunities
Timely and more accurate reporting	Tool and methodology used during the Project allow speedy, accurate & efficient reporting at each month and year end
Staff efficiency improvement	Project allows a redeployment of the airline's staff to other more value-adding tasks and areas
Overhead costs reduction	Fewer staff required to perform today's tasks more efficiently bringing the airline's overheads down
Infrastructure costs reduction	New technologies likely to reduce infrastructure costs

Projects Milestones

Project includes several clearly defined milestones

- ✓ Milestone 1 Infrastructure set up review
- ✓ Milestone 2 Information systems review
- ✓ Milestone 3 Type B Invoices audit and analysis.
- ✓ Milestone 4 Business requirements definition
- ✓ Milestone 5 Infrastructure requirements definition
- ✓ Milestone 6 Findings and recommendations

Infrastructure Set-Up Review

Project covers all aspects of Type B messaging

- Data connections documentation
- ✓ Analytical study of Type B circuits, speed & connection types per country and location
- Review of agreements in place with Type-B providers
- ✓ Review of alternative 3rd-party technologies and vendors

Information Systems Review

Info Systems review allows finalization of Project scope

- ✓ Review of information systems generating Type- B messages
- ✓ Review how messages are sent from systems generating Type-B traffic
- ✓ Review interfaces with other systems that involve Type-B

Invoices Audit and Analysis

Invoices reveal discrepancies and savings opportunities

- ✓ Active vs. non active addresses
- ✓ Messages generated by systems sent to non-active addresses.
- ✓ Messages generated by systems sent to unnecessary addresses or redundant destinations
- ✓ Stations/locations generating the biggest traffic by Country and Continent
- ✓ Prices validation against Agreement or general tariff and variances
- ✓ Non-active chargeable services

Business Requirements Definition

Review of current and future business requirements

- ✓ No. of pax / Aircrafts / Destinations
- ✓ Airlines' systems to be deployed worldwide
- ✓ Systems operated by Ground Handler
- ✓ Identify code-share flights/destination

Requirements matched with the airline's global telecom strategy

Infrastructure Requirements Definition

Review of current and future infrastructure requirements

- ✓ ICT Strategy
- ✓ Network Infrastructure
- ✓ Platforms adopted
- ✓ Internet Infrastructure

Adapt requirements to global telecom strategy

Project Output

- ✓ Best Practices in telecom messaging applied to the airline
- Review of alternative technology solutions in place of current solutions where and if justified:
 - Via web to email, FTP, SITA/ARINC
 - o Applicability of various solutions available: EDIfly, Avianet, Cyberjet, ...
- Summary of invoices auditing
- ✓ Findings from the review of Telecommunications Agreement

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