

eTravel on the Move



An update on eTravel; Simplifying end-to-end travel for the federal employee. Additional information on the eTravel initiative can be found at: <http://egov.gsa.gov>.
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Highlights April, 2004

eTravel News

- **Migration Plans – 22 BRM Agencies meet OMB’s GREEN**

As of March 31, 2004 twenty two of the twenty four BRM agencies had submitted their eTravel migration plans. This was the date stated in the FTR for eTS migration plans to be submitted. Travel managers across the government need to be congratulated. Their hard work resulted in achieving an OMB green for their agencies.

A Federal Times article published April 5, 2004 entitled Slow Going on E-Gov, supported eTravel’s ability to stay on schedule. The article reported...’only seven of the government’s 25 cross-agency electronic-government projects have met all or most of their goals.’ eTravel was one of the seven that has met their milestones.

What next? Implementation

Migration plans are a ‘road map’ to implementing eTravel, they clearly identify the value eTS will bring to agencies while giving direction for the funding and staffing needed to implement the service.

- **eTravel Functional Testing Remains On Track**

Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) testing, Initial Operational Capability (IOC) testing and Security Accreditation continue on schedule for a Spring 2004 deployment of eTS. Over 200 live eTS transactions have been processed in the last three months at the Department of Transportation FAA testing facility in Oklahoma City, 95% of those transactions were booked online. FAA travelers seamlessly booked, authorized and created vouchers for their trips both foreign and domestic.

To achieve Authority to Operate (ATO) and subsequent Full Operational Capability (FOC) the eTS vendors, CW Government Travel, EDS and Northrop Grumman must successfully complete IV&V, IOC and the parallel Certification and Accreditation (C&A) process. All three vendors have completed IV&V and IOC. GSA is currently evaluating those results. The C&A process has taken extra time.

The C&A process includes a detailed review of information submitted by the vendors as well as actual site visits to vendor hosting facilities, to complete three site visits has taken longer than

planned. GSA anticipates this push back to be minimal, and for vendors to be granted ATO with subsequent FOC during May 2004 and should not slow down any ongoing agency migration planning and vendor selection efforts.

- **Government Computer News 'eTravel Is Ready to Take Flight'**

As reported in GCN, 'eTravel Is Ready to Take Flight', March 2004 the eTravel vendors 'speak as though they were one' was evident March 30-April 1 when the three eTS vendors CW Government Travel, EDS and Northrop Grumman conducted live demonstrations of their solutions for over 350 agency travel professionals. The three day event was sponsored by the eTravel Program Office and provided eTS vendors to demonstrate first-hand to agency migration teams the online capability of the eTravel Service.

- **2004 National Travel Forum, June 28-July1, Dallas, Texas**

Plan to attend The National Travel Forum (NTF) 2004, *Traveling on the Frontier of Change*. June 28 - July 1, 2004, Dallas, Texas.

NTF 2004 is the largest federal community travel event of the year with 36 educational workshop opportunities, dynamic general sessions, and face-to-face exhibit time with travel-related vendors in the "Great Frontier Exhibit Hall." Event participants will learn up-to-date travel changes in federal travel while interacting with policy-makers from federal agencies involved with the regulations, operation, maintenance and scheduling of official travel. Industry experts will also be present to discuss the latest changes and advances in the world of travel.

Don't miss the eTravel Worldwide workshop at NTF 2004. Learn firsthand how eTravel, a web-based solution, will produce a world-class, federal travel management service. eTS is on its way to your agency! Be a perceptive traveler. Workshop attendees will get answers to their questions: What is eTravel? How will eTravel improve the federal travel process? How will eTravel simplify federal travel? How will it make it easier for me? When will eTS come to my agency?

In addition, all three eTS vendors will be present to demonstrate their solutions.

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