

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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eTravel, Your Partner Providing World-Class Government Travel

The eTravel Service (eTS) is a cross-agency, Web-based service designed to deliver an integrated travel management tool to the desktop of every government traveler. eTS brings industry, travel management policy, information technology, and the government financial community together to benefit agencies. It provides travelers:

- Travel planning and cost estimating
- Travel authorization
- Reservations and fulfillment services
- Filing, processing, and approval of official travel claims
- Travel reimbursement data
- Reporting and data exchange

At the same time, eTS offers government Travel Managers the advantage of reliable data collection and reporting, supporting an environment for managing costs across government.

Third quarter 2004 marked numerous milestones for eTravel. A press release issued May 17, reported 'eTravel Service (eTS) vendors are ready to go, the U.S. General Services Administration announced today'. This marked the successful completion of operational testing and security accreditation by all three eTS vendors, CW Government Travel, EDS and Northrop Grumman. By achieving this milestone, all three were granted Full Operational Capability (FOC) and could begin accepting agency task orders.

Less than three weeks after FOC was granted the first agency awarded an eTS task order, four additional task orders have been awarded since. An amendment to the Federal Travel Regulation requires all executive branch agencies to select an eTS vendor by December of 2004 and be fully deployed to eTS by September 2006.

eTS is coming to your agency soon!

eTravel In The News

GSA E-Travel Announcement: Open for Business

WASHINGTON, May 17 /PRNewswire/ -- E-Travel Service vendors are ready to go, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) announced today.

"The E-Travel Service (eTS) is an easy-to-use, integrated, federal government desktop travel service," said Tim Burke, eTS program manager. "It is one of President Bush's E-Government Initiatives that simplifies federal travel management and maximizes competition among vendors. As a result, agencies will receive best values and prices. eTS is expected to save taxpayers up to 50 percent in federal travel management costs over 10 years."

GSA's E-Travel is ready to leave the station

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The National Science Foundation has waited nearly three years for an electronic travel system, but patience seems to be paying off.

The agency will join seven others as the first adopters of the General Services Administration's E-Travel initiative. By early summer, NSF plans to award a task order for a reservation and voucher system to one of three E-Travel contractors: Carlson Wagonlit Government Travel Inc. of San Antonio, EDS Corp. or the Mission Systems unit of Northrop Grumman Corp.

"We are replacing a rare, and probably our last, paper-based system," said Neville Withington, NSF's e-travel project manager.

Before E-Travel became a Quicksilver project in 2001, Withington said, NSF had started researching commercial travel systems and was about six months away from a request for proposals.

From all of us at eTravel have a productive and successful week at FedFleet!