

Press Release: BAA chooses GEMsoft7's Permit to Work System for increased security and safety benefits.

Glasgow based GEMsoft7 has been awarded a contract to supply its electronic Permit to Work and Access Control system, P2W, to BAA at Stansted Airport.

Safety and security of staff and passengers are of paramount importance to BAA. Following best practice guidance set out by the Health and Safety Executive, BAA, like all organisations, is required to log, monitor, record and store Permit to Work safety information relating to potentially hazardous work activities.

With more than 23.1 million passengers passing through Stansted each year all building and maintenance work has to be carried out with safety as the highest priority and with the minimum disruption to staff and passengers. In an airport environment where many thousands of work permits are raised each year BAA has to cope with the added complexity of ensuring that all staff and contractors are authorised to undertake work, especially when working "airside".

BAA approached GEMsoft7 after researching the market for suitable systems that could be implemented quickly without disrupting the working practices of ongoing building projects. In particular BAA was looking to replace its exiting paper based permits with an electronic system that could be used easily by staff and contractors, regardless of their previous IT experience. BAA was pleased to discover that P2W is extremely easy to configure in order to mirror existing operational practices without having to rely on GEMsoft7 to create expensive bespoke changes to the software.

Because the P2W software is browser-based BAA hosts the system on its own secure servers, without having to depend on third parties to ensure that the data remains secure. This also meant that the procurement and implementation project was undertaken within a relatively short timescale and BAA is now considering rolling out P2W to its other UK airports.

Franca Poglio, Project Manager said, "P2W is going to significantly improve the way BAA Stansted manages its health and safety and contractor data. We now have a system which is secure but also easy to access for authorised managers, regardless of their location. P2W will not only record and store permit and access information but it provides us with more accurate reports that will help BAA improve its work management operations in the long term."

Phil McKell, Managing Director of GEMsoft7 added, "P2W was developed with exactly this type of requirement in mind. We were delighted that BAA chose P2W and we're really pleased with the uptake of the system by BAA's users and the success of the project so far."

About GEMsoft7 Ltd

GEMsoft7 has extensive experience in delivering business and technology solutions to organisations in a range of markets including the Energy, Manufacturing and Transport sectors. GEMsoft7 developed P2W to ensure the system addresses the needs of its customers and the requirements stipulated by the HSE for Permit to Work applications.