



**CGx AERO in SYS and THALES  
to provide a fully integrated  
Aeronautical Information Management system  
to the French Aeronautical Information Service**

**Paris, March 12, 2009** – CGx AERO in SYS and Thales have been awarded a contract by the French Aeronautical Information Service (SIA)\* for **the supply of the first European fully integrated Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) system.**

The new AIM system, which will be installed at the SIA headquarters, in Bordeaux Merignac, will ensure the provision of quality and timely aeronautical data to airspace users.

**The new AIM system called NOPIA will manage aeronautical static data and produce - with an integrated workflow management - all the French SIA products, especially the national Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP), as well as the aeronautical maps available in hard copy or in electronic format (e-AIP).**

This complete and integrated solution is designed to meet the standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in terms of data integrity, consistency and availability. It will efficiently support the French Aeronautical Information Service's operators in their critical mission to manage and deliver timely quality information.

NOPIA will also ensure a full interoperability with the European environment by procuring the appropriate format of exchange with the European Aeronautical Database (EAD).

**In addition to this contract, the French SIA has expressed the wish to initiate a User Group which will manage the future evolutions of applicable standards in the AIM domain.**

**Editor's note:**

\* The Aeronautical Information Service (SIA) is the central service of the Air Navigation Service Directorate for the General Directorate of Civil Aviation (DGAC), responsible for providing aeronautical information services necessary for safety, regularity and efficiency of national and international air navigation, within the French areas of responsibility (metropolitan and overseas areas).

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