

# ECS

## Celebrating 25 Years of Innovation

**E**CS, a leading global manufacturer and supplier of proven electrical and structural products and services for the aerospace industry, hosted a TEAM Conference, designed to bring major players in the aviation industry together to discuss innovative technologies, share new ideas and make connections.

The conference drew widespread interest from the aviation sector and from the Milwaukee business community. Milwaukee's Mayor Tom Barrett opened the TEAM conference during a dinner reception at the Milwaukee Art Museum and Milwaukee's County Executive Scott Walker gave a welcome address during the conference.

The conference coincided with ECS's

25th anniversary, marked by social events and a gala at the new Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee.

"It was my honor and highest pleasure to be part of the ECS 25 year celebration. Everyone made us feel so genuinely welcome. It's obvious ECS promotes the ideals of family and the workers certainly love their job. My guess is they feel like they actually matter and are an important part of the ECS family," said Derek Anderson, lead engineer, Electronic Flight Bag System, The Boeing Company.

The ECS TEAM Conference was designed to bring OEMs and operators/users together in a non-confrontational environment to share information and discuss technology advancements. More than 200 representatives from airlines,

suppliers and airframe manufacturers gathered for the conference. The two cornerstones of the TEAM conference were electronic flight bags (EFB) and in-flight connectivity, two areas of great interest to the aviation community and two areas where ECS has proven itself to be a market leader.

For the EFB portion of the program, Boeing, Continental Airlines, Embraer, Horizon Air, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Southwest discussed the lessons they learned in their own EFB adoption and implementation programs. This first-hand account of EFB deployment dovetailed perfectly with a series of workshops ECS has presented on EFB implementation for the past two years.

The second cornerstone of the event,

cabin connectivity, is a hot topic in the industry right now as airlines around the world rush to outfit their cabins with e-mail and Web capabilities. Airbus, American Airlines, Delta/Northwest Airlines, Ryanair and Lufthansa Technik presided over this panel, offering their insights on their concepts for implementing new technology.

"It was an honor to be a presenter among a group of so many experienced professionals, and an honor to take part in the celebration of 25 years of ECS. Look forward to working with ECS for many years to come. Thank you again for including SWA," said Capt. Alan Kasher, EFB project pilot, Southwest Airlines.

In addition, the conference also included a segment on fiber optics and future system development of wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) LAN. WDM increases the data throughput of fiber by assigning different wavelengths,

or colors, to data streams, making it an attractive proposition for commercial operators looking to reduce weight and increase speed.

Sponsors of the conference included A.E. Petsche Co.; Aerospace Optics/Vivisun; Airbus/KID-Systeme; Aircell; Air Cost Control; Astonics Inc.; Avionics Magazine; EMS Satcom; Gables Engineering; General Wire Products Inc.; Goodrich; IMS Flight Deck; JANA Technical Documentation; Jeppesen; kSARIA Corp.; L3 Communications Aviation Recorders; Meissner Tierney Fisher & Nichols S.C.; NavAero; Pan-Pacific Electronics; Telefonix, Inc.; Tenencia; Thales; Times Microwave Systems; True-North Avionics; and Wiremasters.

With a legacy of providing complete avionics systems installation provisions since 1984, ECS uses advanced technology and the highest manufacturing

standards to develop easy-to-install, cost-effective solutions for both new and retrofit applications. ECS operates a state-of-the-art, 80,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in Franklin, Wis., that offers a full compliment of in-house capabilities such as design/engineering, CNC manufacturing, product testing, quality control, certification and AOG support. From its Wisconsin headquarters, ECS continues to serve multiple industries worldwide with the support of regional offices located in Minneapolis, Seattle, Los Angeles, San Antonio, Philadelphia, London and Toulouse.

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