

AGENDA

Theme: Democratizing AI: Making Advanced Airport Technology Accessible to Airports of All Sizes
Objectives: This forum will explore how the growing accessibility of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies is creating new opportunities for small and mid-sized airports. Bringing together airport operators and technology providers, the discussion will examine how airports can adopt proven technologies, overcome cost and resource barriers, and leverage AI to improve operational efficiency, safety and decision-making.

10-10:10 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Speaker: Jorge Hernández, Chair, International Association of Airport Executives (IAAE) | President and CEO, Aerostar Airport Holdings (Luis Muñoz Marín Int'l Airport), Puerto Rico
Opening remarks introducing the Global Aviation Virtual Forum and setting the stage for discussions on how artificial intelligence and emerging technologies are becoming more accessible to airports worldwide

10:10-10:20 a.m. **Opening Perspective: The Democratization of AI**
Speaker: Brian Freed, Chief Executive Officer, Illuminex AI
An overview of how artificial intelligence is becoming more accessible and affordable for airports of all sizes, with a focus on practical, proven applications and opportunities for smaller airports to adopt AI without the resources of larger organizations.

10:20-10:45 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Making AI Work for Airports of All Sizes**
Moderator: Darren Large, A.A.E., Director, Facilities & Operations, DM Airports, Ltd. | Morristown Airport

Panelists: Halle Frieden, Operations and Compliance Specialist, Columbus (Ind.) Municipal Airport
Ivan Vasquez, Founder and CEO, 1200.aero
Lancaster (Pa.) Airport *(speaker TBD)*
Artificial intelligence and emerging technologies are creating new opportunities for airports of all sizes to improve efficiency, enhance safety and streamline operations. This panel will explore practical, affordable AI solutions that airports can implement today, with particular attention to the needs and challenges of smaller airports. Panelists will discuss how to evaluate available technologies, identify applications that deliver measurable benefits and overcome common barriers such as limited budgets, staffing and technical expertise. Drawing on real-world experiences, the discussion will also address lessons learned, strategies for getting started and how airports can make informed technology investments without unnecessary complexity.

10:45-10:55 a.m. **Audience Q&A and Industry Discussion**
An interactive facilitated discussion providing participants with an opportunity to ask questions, share perspectives and explore practical considerations for adopting AI and emerging technologies. The conversation will focus on affordability, implementation challenges and opportunities for small and mid-sized airports to leverage these technologies to improve operations.

10:55-11 a.m. **Closing and Introduction to 30-minute breakout discussions**
Jorge Hernández