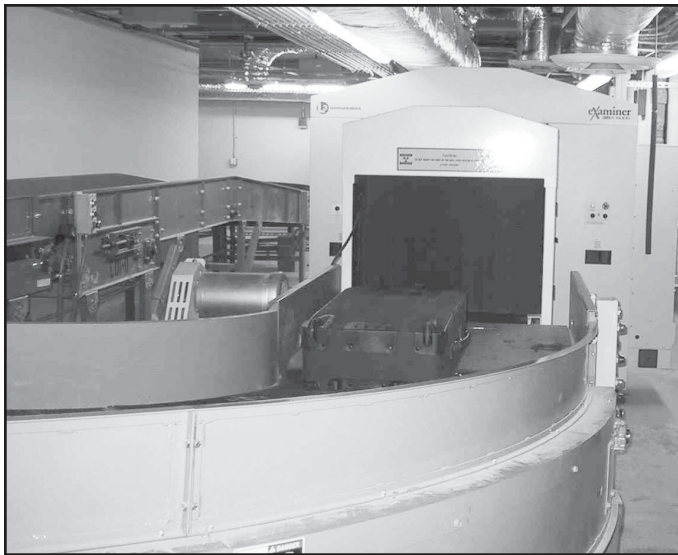


**High-Profile: MANCHESTER AIRPORT BAGGAGE SCREENING SYSTEM**

## Interstate Electrical Meets Manchester Airport Project Deadline

**M**anchester, NH -Interstate Electrical Services Corp. anchored the deadline-driven installation of new baggage screening equipment and systems at Manchester Airport. The federal government mandated the new automated explosives detection equipment for all US airports, in response to post 9-11 passenger safety concerns, and Manchester Airport officials publicly stated that they would be the first in the nation to meet the December 31, 2002 deadline.

"I can't speak highly enough of Interstate Electrical. They were the key sub for us on the job. Their people were so dedicated, and their coordination efforts were



instrumental in making this project happen," said Rob King, the Project Manager with Harvey Construction, Construction Managers for the project. "Without Interstate's involvement, this project would not have gone off as well as it did and we would not have met the Airport's commitment of having a fully automated, in line baggage screening system by December 31st."

This deadline was met by an impressive team effort. To complete the phased installations and keep the busy terminals in full operation, electricians, communications technicians and engineers from Interstate worked with Harvey Construction to relocate six individual airline ticketing and baggage counters, one airline at a time. Six new Explosive Detection Systems (EDS) were installed to work seamlessly with the new airport baggage handling and conveyor

systems.

The installation of these systems is consistent with the Airport Director Kevin Dillon's vision to have a baggage screening system that is invisible to the Airport's passengers. Manchester Airport, one of the only airports in the country experiencing dramatic passenger growth, determined that the new equipment should be kept out of lobby and gate areas of the terminal.

Interstate Electrical held three different contracts for the project, one with Harvey Construction, one with G&T Conveyor Company, Inc. for the conveyor systems construction, and a third contract with Lloyd Electric/Turner Construction, suppliers for the EDS machines. In addition to Interstate being responsible for the control wiring for the conveyor systems and the power for the EDS machines, they were also

responsible for all the typical office wiring for the airline's operations.

When the project commenced in mid August of 2002, Interstate Electrical Services had a monumental challenge ahead. The project included a very tight schedule and a very tight physical working area in the terminal. "I was amazed to see all trades working in such tight quarters without any problems," said Joe Ray, Project Manager from Interstate Electrical Services Corp. "Everything went off so well. Everyone worked around the clock. This was the best team effort that I have ever experienced on a project."

To make this project happen within the January 2003 schedule, Ray said, "All parties, including the Airport, the airlines, the subcontractors, vendors, and the design team, needed to cooperate as a team."