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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **FAA selects Frequentis USA, Inc. for the Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC) Conferencing Control System (CCS)**

Frequentis USA, Inc. (FUSA) was awarded a \$4.6 Million dollar (~4,1M Euro) contract by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on Friday July 18, 2003 for the FAA Air Traffic Control Command and Control Center (ATCSCC) in Herndon, Virginia. The system is called the Conferencing Control System, or CCS. The FAA determined the FREQUENTIS solution to be the overall BEST VALUE for the government. This is the most significant award the Frequentis subsidiary has received since it was founded in May of 1999.

Robert Pfister, President of Frequentis USA, Inc. explained that the contract will replace the current, aging voice switch in the FAA's ATCSCC, the location from which all of the US Air Traffic was ordered grounded during the terrorist attack on Sep. 11, 2001. That emergency demonstrated the need for a larger and more sophisticated conferencing system in the control center. The contract allows for the growth of the switch to over 100 positions, a vast conference capability of over 500 participants in a single conference and it provides an intuitive, state-of-the-art user interface to ease the Specialist's work load.

Frequentis USA as prime contractor is teamed with eOn Communications and Lockheed Martin TSS (formerly ATM). The CCS contract includes the design, test, installation, training, and maintenance support for the conferencing system to be located at the Command Center. The CCS supports the projected needs for the facility's voice communications through a ten (10) year life cycle contract. Formal Qualification Test (FQT) is scheduled for mid October 2003 and Site Acceptance Test (SAT) is planned for March 2004.

The Frequentis CCS will provide multifaceted voice conferencing and switching capabilities supporting air traffic management coordination among FAA facilities, airlines and associated organizations. It will interface with existing telephone networks, consisting largely of government-furnished point-to-point and multi-unit dedicated lines. The CCS will be required to support multiple supervisory signaling interface requirements and provide complete dialing functions for local, long distance and international destinations. Resolution of specific weather and operational concerns are facilitated daily by the ATCSCC Strategic Planning Team (SPT) during regular Meet-Me conferences held every two hours. Planned initiatives from the Strategic Plan of

Operation (SPO) and associated daily teleconferences are part of a major FAA initiative to reduce delays and ensure all interested and affected parties have an opportunity to contribute to traffic flow management decision-making. Participation in such conferences is projected at critical times to exceed the currently supported 300 members. The new Frequentis CCS equipment will provide for up to 500 members in a single conference and provide extensive capability to manage contingency restoration conferences responding to emergencies and disruptions of NAS resources.

FREQUENTIS' Owner and Managing Director, Hannes Bardach, stated: *"I am truly pleased that the FAA has selected FREQUENTIS for the CCS solution. Our investment in understanding the CCS operations over the past 3 years has been thoroughly substantiated with this win.. It is my vision that FREQUENTIS will provide the FAA with the most technologically sound, dynamically innovative and reliable system on the market. This program has my personal attention and commitment—as well as those of the key executives and managers of our team. I look forward to our successful business relationship with the FAA. I intend to use the rapid deployment of this system to leverage similar Command Center requirements throughout the USA.."*

Frequentis communications systems are in service at air traffic control centers, air defense facilities, police, fire, ambulance call centers and railroad command centers -- in over 50 countries. Frequentis is the world's leading supplier of voice communication systems for ATC and Air Defense.

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