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**Washington DC based Pen & Prose Inc. is Autogrill's partner in this deal: the five-year contract signed is expected to generate more than \$ 20 million in revenue over the life of the agreement**

## **Autogrill wins a new contract at Washington Dulles International Airport: the offer includes the first "real-time" information source for airport travelers**

Milan, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2003 - HMSHost, one of the American subsidiaries of Autogrill, has been awarded a five-year contract to operate three newsstands at the Washington Dulles International Airport. The concepts, extremely innovative, includes a total real-time news experience signed by Fox News Channel and News Connection.

Construction of the new facilities will begin later this year, and revenues over the life of the agreement are expected to be more than \$ 20 million.

**Fox News Channel Newsstand** will be the first real-time information source for airport travelers. In cooperation with Fox News Channel, HMSHost will provide up-to-the-minute news and information through Internet connections, and "Newspapers on Demand" service capable of printing more than 150 international and domestic newspapers.

**Dulles News Connection Featuring Starbucks Coffee.** Will combine the industry's most comprehensive array of print, broadcast, and electronic media with Starbucks, the world's most respected and recognized gourmet coffee brand, Finally, a new top quality "Internet Coffee", in line with the Washington Airport travelers requirements.

"The newsstand concepts represent a new era for this retail segment. Travelers will have instant access to the information that's most important for them " said John J. McCarthy, Ceo of HMSHost, and Mary Morgan, owner of Pen & Prose Inc., presenting the project to the american media. "We see a bright future ahead".

With more than 17 million passengers a year, Washington Dulles is one of the most important Airport in the USA.