



## **VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PILOT PROGRAM: CBP PRE-CLEARANCE INSPECTION KIOSKS**

After a successful pilot program with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), Vancouver International Airport approached U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) about installing inspection kiosks at the Pre-Clearance airports.

These kiosks will introduce an easier way to manage processing because travelers will pre-enter their data while waiting to be inspected. As a result, CBP officers will be in a better position to focus their efforts on identifying passengers, and determining their purpose and intent. CBP expects that officers will be able to handle more passengers because they are no longer performing administrative tasks which should result in a decrease in passenger wait times.

Currently, the Vancouver airport is developing, building and installing all related hardware and software which will interface with CBP's internal services. CBP is responsible for providing the backend services to interface with the kiosk. The pilot will start with U.S. citizens first and, if successful, will then include non-U.S. citizens which would mean the kiosks would have to include the ability to capture fingerprints and photos.

CBP has said that if the pilot in Vancouver proves successful, they would be willing to allow similar inspection kiosks at interested ports of entry in the United States. While this pilot program is focused on testing this technology on U.S. citizens, airport operators would like to see additional pilots which would also test this technology to help process foreign nationals entering into the United States. ACI-NA urges Congress to expand this pilot program to domestic airports by providing funding for additional pilots, as a way to reduce the amount of time CBP officers need to process passengers and reduce the reliance on CBP staff.

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