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SDIA offers free Wi-Fi service to the traveling public

SAN DIEGO (September 18, 2007) — The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority is now offering free Wi-Fi Internet service in all terminals at San Diego International Airport (SDIA).

The service was launched in August 2007 as a customer convenience initiative and is available throughout Terminal 1, Terminal 2 and the Commuter Terminal. To use the service a visitor just needs a laptop with a Wi-Fi antenna. Most laptops with Wi-Fi capability will automatically pick up, or can be easily configured to receive, the Airport's free Wi-Fi signal.

The service is supported by more than 60 access points installed throughout the Airport, allowing visitors in virtually all areas of the terminals to get an Internet connection. Data transmission — or 'Internet surfing' — speeds are currently capped at 256 kilobytes per second (Kbps) per user, and will vary depending on how many users are connected at a given time. This speed is faster than a standard dial-up modem but slower than a DSL or cable modem.

The speed is capped at this level to allow all Airport users an opportunity to use the Internet. Without the cap, some users performing tasks requiring faster speeds could clog the system and make it impossible for other users to access the Internet. The Airport Authority is working on enhancing the service to allow for faster connection speeds.

Airport visitors will find the current free Wi-Fi service at the Airport convenient for such activities as reading e-mail, catching up on the news, checking weather, reviewing TSA carry-on rules, getting flight status updates, booking tickets and other basic Internet surfing tasks.

*The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region's long-term air transportation needs. The Airport Authority is governed by a nine-member appointed Board representing all areas of the County. San Diego International Airport—funded through user fees and not local taxes—is the nation's busiest single-runway commercial service airport, serving some 17.5 million passengers in 2006.*

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