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## **Unifier Software Program To Manage DFW's \$3 Billion In Capital Projects**

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport has selected Skire Inc.'s Unifier software program to manage its \$3 billion terminal redevelopment program and other capital projects.

Skire's DFW account joins with other Unifier programs in place at Phoenix Sky Harbor, John Wayne Airport, San Jose and the Hawaii Dept. of Transportation. Don Price, senior client partner with the Menlo Park, Calif., company, says he is responding to an uptick in interest in Unifier as airports begin a recovery from the economic downturn and are looking at capital projects to meet future demand. McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge, for example, recently noted that 39 airport and space projects in North American were begun in December and that 2009 projects were valued at \$2.86 billion.

Skire's Unifier covers key aspects of a capital project – specifically costs, scope and schedule – while it also can be used to assist in making plans for an upcoming project, Price says. The Web-based program was developed in the late 1990s and has been on the market since early 2000, although it has been updated in its Web form.

Price says the program is useful for managing multiple projects and those with multiple funding sources. It enables users to track how funds are spent – whether from tax revenues, bonds or federal sources – and to report back to various authorities. The program also allows members of a team, or any authorized representatives of the airport owners, to work on a single environment “with total access for all players,” Price says.

The Unifier service retrieves and aggregates data, provides roll-up and drill down capabilities from numerous sources, and presents a common set of results in a consistent and structured way, the company says.

“The Unifier core is highly configurable,” says John Leet, director of marketing. “Clients can tailor the product to meet their exact business needs. It's as easy as accessing Google or Yahoo,” he says. No servers or information technology infrastructure are required.

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