

# Press Release

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## RISK SOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL AND WILLIS SPONSOR AAAE'S ADVANCED AIRPORT RISK CONFERENCE

**(December 7, 2007, New York, NY)** – Risk Solutions International, the operational risk consulting firm, today announced that it will co-sponsor with Willis Group a conference on unique operational risks facing airports, along with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE.) The program – [Airport Management Workshop: Preparing for the “Right” Threats](#) – is a roll-up-the-sleeves, participatory event that delves into many aspects of risk that airports should take into account in today's turbulent and unpredictable environment.

The [Airport Management Workshop: Preparing for the “Right” Threats](#) will include live interactive demos, group tabletop exercises and perspectives on many of the critical, but less obvious operational, financial and physical risks that airport facilities are exposed to every day. These are threats and exposures that airport management may not have had the opportunity to consider in their conventional risk management approach.

Risk Solutions International plans to have top experts in new drug-swipe/detection technology, 3D tactical response mapping, human threat assessment, employee screening and perimeter security breaches. Other presenters will discuss operational implications of a pandemic outbreak, risks imposed upon airports in their role as part of the global supply chain, and critical TRIA and Safety Act updates. Still others will present real hostage and shooter simulations. Presentations and demos will be tied together with a final group tabletop exercise on the impact of disruptive events on the *business* of running an airport and how preparation for operational resilience by airport executives impacts how they should think about their insurance and financial exposure.

Scott Corzine, senior vice president of Risk Solutions International described the program as a conference specially developed to help airport executives think “outside the box” about significant risks that may not be obvious. “This format invites the airport executive to be part of the program as we review best practices, the nature and source of threats to their operations. We will help them think through effective, practical ways to prepare for and mitigate these threats in the real, sometimes not-so-pretty world in which they run their facilities and engage the public traveler.”

“This will be a uniquely interactive, hands-on day and a half experience that we think airport leadership will not want to miss. We have assembled a tremendous group of experts to discuss the insidious risks to which their facilities and operations are exposed. These may very well be risks that they may not have considered in their conventional planning and risk management, or simply did not have the at-hand knowledge to address,” added Bob Karl, senior vice president of Willis Global Aviation.

Willis Group – the co-sponsor of the event with Risk Solutions International- is a publicly traded global risk management and insurance brokerage firm with 300 offices in over 100 countries. Willis handles over \$30 Billion in premium transactions annually. Willis Global Aviation - one of Willis' core industry practice groups - brings unparalleled expertise and risk solutions to the airport and aerospace industries. Its Aviation team employs over 350 dedicated specialists in 18 aviation offices strategically located throughout the world and has been placing aviation insurance for over 95 years. In 2006, Willis Global Aviation handled well over \$2 billion in aviation premiums, over 30% of all aviation premiums placed worldwide.

“We at the AAAE are excited about this unique operational risk conference,” said Spencer Dickerson, senior executive vice president of the AAAE. “Our Co-Sponsors offer a fresh but seasoned perspective on mitigating the risks that our airport members face - financially and operationally. We are expecting a ‘full house’ of airport directors, risk managers, CFOs, operations chiefs, security and facilities directors in San Francisco.”

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Risk Solutions International LLC is a specialist consulting firm that helps organizations to understand and respond to business continuity and emergency management risks that threaten the resilience of their critical operating functions. Headquartered in New York City, Risk Solutions International operates from offices throughout the U.S. and services the global operational risk needs of its public and private sector clients from these locations. The company provides a full range of business continuity, emergency response, compliance, incident and crisis management and supply chain management services. For further information about services and solutions Risk Solutions International provides its clients, please visit <http://www.rsi-llc.com>.