

NTELX-Designed Port Access System for Aqaba, Jordan adds over US\$100 million annually to Jordan's Economy

A Port Access System designed, built and operated by NTELX, Inc. to move trucks quickly and smoothly through Aqaba, Jordan's sole seaport, is adding over US\$100 million annually to Jordan's GNP, according to an economic assessment conducted by Nathan Associates for a U.S. Trade and Development Agency sponsored project. Since its launch in 2006, trucking costs to and from inland points have dropped significantly, while increasing the efficiency and security of port infrastructure, and minimizing the impact of truck traffic on residential, tourist, and commercial neighborhoods.

"By cutting an estimated 14 hours off truck turnaround time while transiting Aqaba, the Port Access System saves time and money by reducing road congestion, producing higher projected turn times, better accessibility to terminals, and improved reliability, all of which boost Jordan's economy and create jobs," said Dr. Paul E. Kent, Senior Vice President, Infrastructure Planning and Economics at Nathan. "In addition, we found the system reduced vehicle emissions and accidents, along with generating transportation benefits such for other users of the street and highway system."

The Aqaba Port Access System combines adaptive capacity management, sophisticated vehicle routing algorithms, data verification from multiple private and public-sector databases, RFID vehicle tracking, and is accessed through the Internet. Approximately 3,000 trucks are handled each day, or over 1 million annually. NTELX won the 2009 Intelligent Transportation Society of America award for most innovative and effective use of advanced technology in surface transportation for the Aqaba Port Access System.

"Our solutions deliver measurable improvements in decision-intensive operations for public and private sector users around the world," said Dhiren Patel, NTELX's president. "The size of the positive impact on Jordan's economy, employment, environment, and its trade and transport sectors demonstrates major benefits can be realized by moving trucks quickly and smoothly to and from the gates of port terminals."

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