

Gemalto selected to be part of eGhana project

Gemalto, the global digital security company, has been appointed as prime contractor and turnkey supplier to provide Ghana Immigration Services (GIS) with a highly secure electronic visa and border management solution.



This initiative is part of the eGhana project, an ambitious plan with backing from the World Bank to create a modern IT infrastructure that can support the country's sustainable development plans in the years ahead.

With a population of 24 million, the Republic of Ghana is experiencing rapid expansion of cross-border travel. Recognising the need to improve the security and efficiency of its existing procedures, the country's immigration service has turned to Gemalto to deliver the benefits of a country-wide electronic border management system based on biometric authentication.

Border management solutions

Gemalto acts as a prime contractor and will take responsibility for integrating the advanced visa and border management solution, including change management, transitional training and maintenance services.

The company will deploy border management systems at Ghana's main ports of arrival and will implement a fully computerized system for visa and permit applications processing and issuing, with the collaboration of Avalon Biometrics. The project also covers the set up of an online portal service for visa application, and the implementation of electronic gate at Accra's Kotoka International Airport, for rapid, convenient and automated border control of arrivals and departures.

This solution will streamline processes, reinforce national security and provide the GIS with enhanced border information and intelligence. Aided by biometric data, the authorities will be able to account accurately for everyone entering and leaving the country. The system will also improve the traveling experience, delivering faster and significantly more convenient border control procedures for visitors.

"To maintain Ghana's economic development, we need an immigration system that can meet the challenges of rapid growth in international travel," said commissioner of police, Peter A. Wiredu, director of Ghana Immigration Service.

"Gemalto contributed to over 80 successful government programs worldwide and has all the required project management skills, reputation and expertise to deliver the country's new IT infrastructure".

"This advanced electronic identity management system is fundamental to the whole eGhana project," said Ari Bouzbib, senior vice president for Government Programs at Gemalto. "It will put the country's border control processes on par with the latest cutting-edge practices worldwide. In addition to helping to transform Ghana, it can serve as a template for modernization across many other countries in Africa."