

Irish Rail Selects FleetConnect for Onboard Internet on Dublin-Cork Trains

Mark 4 Trains will be equipped with Internet Access for Passengers, Crew and all Onboard Systems

Dublin, Ireland, June 2011 – Ireland's leading transport technology solutions provider Fleetconnect has been chosen by Irish Rail (IE) to provide broadband Wi-Fi services to its passengers on the Dublin to Cork fleet. FleetConnect and its technology partner, Sweden-based Icomera AB, were selected to supply a complete internet access solution based on the market-leading Icomera X6 Mobile Access and Applications Router. The system is already installed on trains in the UK, Europe and North America.

Paul O'Kelly, Manager Corporate and E-Marketing at Irish Rail said: "We are delighted that we will soon be offering our Dublin-Cork broadband Wi-Fi connectivity throughout their journey. With the proliferation of internet-ready Smartphone's and tablet PCs today's rail passengers are increasingly coming to expect to be able to access Wi-Fi while on the move so they can work or be entertained throughout their journey.

Following a thorough technical and commercial tender process FleetConnect and Icomera clearly showed themselves to be the strongest supplier with the best technical solution. We look forward to working with Icomera to extend Wi-Fi to other rail routes across Ireland." added O'Kelly."

FleetConnect and Icomera will be working with Irish Rail to equip their trains with its industry-leading on-train broadband solution, which uses its patented SureWAN™ technology to seamlessly switch between and aggregate multiple mobile data networks to ensure always-on broadband connectivity in every carriage, for passengers, crew and onboard systems as the train moves through its journey.

"The onboard Wi-Fi service means that business travelers, commuters and holidaymakers taking the two and a half hour train journey can stay connected with friends, family and work colleagues as well as planning their onward journeys. This means that on the train they can be productive, informed and entertained, which is something that air and car travel just can't offer." said Paul O'Kelly

Patrick Cotter, Managing Director at FleetConnect said: ". " FleetConnect and Icomera look forward to now connecting Irish Rails passengers whilst on their journey" said Cotter. "Statistics from other Wi-Fi equipped transport services in Europe show that the percentage of passengers connecting to onboard internet services is growing year-on-year. This is mainly down to the emergence of Social Networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, which mean they need an always-on connection" " Now passengers can tweet, Poke and update their status in comfort from their seat", said Cotter

About FleetConnect

FleetConnect is the leading Irish provider of award-winning wireless communications products and services, with a specific focus on passenger transport, public safety, and indoor and outdoor network applications. The company has already established itself as the leading provider of industrial-grade in-vehicle systems for fast broadband access, delivering passengers Wi-Fi (free Internet access) and GPS vehicle tracking - as well as connectivity to enable live CCTV and e-ticketing. Customers include Citylink, Aircoach and Matthews Coaches.