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Amtrak set to expand Nightspeed secure services

Amtrak Express Parcels has announced a new secure overnight delivery service following its recent acquisition of Nightspeed. Amtrak is retaining the Nightspeed name as an Amtrak brand for specialist services not previously offered by Amtrak. The first of these is Nightspeed Secure Express which has long been a mainstay of Nightspeed and provides a unique mix of high security and rapid overnight delivery.

Nightspeed Secure Express will be offered to Amtrak customers as part of an expansion of Amtrak's premium services. Other Nightspeed services, including pallets and the GovMail public sector services are also being incorporated.

Nightspeed has developed a highly secure overnight service with professionally trained and vetted staff, depot security and ISO 9001:2000 accreditation at all sites. Secure goods are transported in unique sealed and tagged cages. Vehicle seals and stage by stage tracking adds protection on route, with recipient name recording on delivery. The service is backed by British Security Industry Association membership and procedures that conform to BS7931; the British Standard for the carriage of parcels.

The recent acquisition of Nightspeed saw Amtrak save most of the 900 jobs at Nightspeed and Amtrak has welcomed the extra capacity afforded by the network. Some integration of services is taking place in remote areas where volumes make multiple sites uneconomic. However, the Nightspeed network is seen as a bonus for Amtrak and will play a vital part of Amtrak's extended operation and provision of new Amtrak services.



“The acquisition of Nightspeed has not only given us a boost in much-needed capacity, but also entry into some appealing new markets such as high security express services and government mail. These are premium services that greatly enhance Amtrak’s offering and we plan to boost volumes by promoting these services more widely” says Amtrak Managing Director Jonathan Smith.

Amtrak acquired Nightspeed at in August having been in discussion with the company as one of a number of acquisition targets in 2005. The move has given Amtrak a network capable of competing with the multi-national players.

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