Gamma to Develop Aruba ESTA for a Safer Aruba

Local software developer Gamma IT Solutions has recently agreed to develop the Aruba ESTA for the government of Aruba. The official contract was signed with Minister of Justice Arthur Dowers on March 9, kicking off this exciting project.

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The Aruba ESTA will serve as an add-on to the security measures already in place for Aruba. It is an expansion of the border control management system known as RADEX, also developed by Gamma. The Aruba ESTA will have a complete pre-screening (API) system for future visitors, enabling local authorities to check future visitors against national and international watch and black lists, thereby allowing Aruban immigration authorities to take proper safety measures upfront.

Frank Baks, director of business development at Gamma, shares, "One of Aruba's biggest draws is its high level of safety, and we need to protect this important and valuable aspect of Aruba's tourism product, more so now than ever before. Our developers are very excited for the opportunity to once again assist the Aruban government in putting measures in place that will help guarantee a safe island for both locals and tourists."

The new travel authorization system will be implemented in about 6 months. Gamma will notify travel agencies as well as airline companies operating flights to Aruba about the new registration requirement so that these parties can appropriately direct clients to the Aruba ESTA website.
According to Baks, for about one year after the new

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requirement is put into place, several computers will be available in the arrivals hall of Reina Beatrix Airport for visitors who failed to register on the Aruba ESTA website prior to arriving in Aruba.

Baks adds, "All visitors to Aruba will have to pay $10 on the ESTA website for the authorization to travel to Aruba. This fee will cover travel to Aruba for 2 years. So not only will the new requirement promote greater safety on the island, it will also serve as a new source of income for Aruba."