Vancouver International airport (YVR) Flywheel Energy Storage & Airfield Power System Project

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WSP SMART™ SOLUTION
More efficient and low-cost energy storage and power generation system

MAKING WSP SMART™ CONNECTIONS
— Uninterruptable power supply via an intelligent power switchgear distribution system
— Advanced control algorithms allowing faster transfer between generators

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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PROJECT SUMMARY

YVR engaged WSP in Canada to provide a design solution to replace its existing electrical back-up power system. Working with YVR, WSP in Canada evaluated a range of design options and technologies to determine the most suitable design to meet the project objectives.
A flywheel energy storage and power generation system was designed to provide YVR with a more efficient and low-cost solution consisting of two 600 kW redundant high-efficiency diesel generators, an intelligent power switchgear distribution system, and a 625-kVA flywheel uninterruptable power supply (UPS).

This innovative solution provides uninterrupted power during a power outage while the backup generators start-up and allow significant flexibility in how they operate. WSP in Canada also developed advanced control algorithms to allow fast transfer between the different power generators and achieved further energy savings with innovative ideas such as engine jacket water air source heat pumps.

The YVR Flywheel Energy Storage and Airfield Power System Project was awarded with the Award of Excellence and the Tree for Life Award from the 2018 CCE Awards.

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WSP Smart™ integrates technology, sensors, communication and real-time analytics capabilities with the environment. WSP Smart™ brings new thinking to designing cities, buildings, infrastructure, across the built and natural environment.

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