# Convective Weather Initiatives



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## **WSI** Corporate Summary



- Established 1978
- U.S. Headquarters in Andover, MA
- European Office in Birmingham, U.K.





#### Weather-driven business solutions

- Aviation
  - Preflight briefing
  - In-flight cockpit weather
  - Complete airline EWINS capable forecasting solutions
- Media On-air shows & storm center services for broadcast & cable television
- Energy Services for traders and T&D decision makers

#### A subsidiary of Landmark Communications

Sister company to The Weather Channel & weather.com





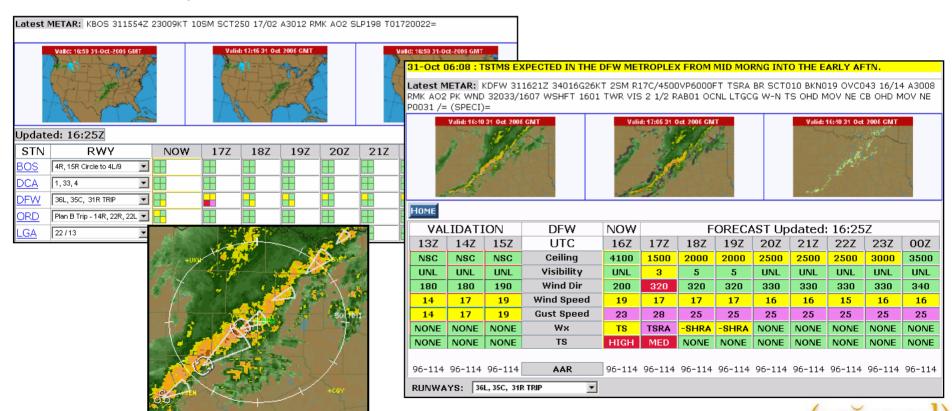




### Convective Initiatives 2005- HUBCAST



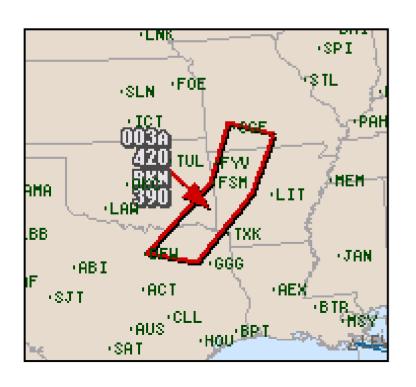
- Implemented HUBCAST
  - High temporal granularity forecasts presented as graphical decision aid
  - Concept used and evaluated during FAA proof of concept trial with favorable verification results
  - Currently in use at American Airlines, BAA, and TNT



### Convective Initiatives 2005- En Route



- Implemented convective hazard forecasts and SIGMETs
  - Polygons describing forecasted convective hazards issued for 3 hourly segments out through 12 hours
  - Polygons describing immediate convective hazard areas, issued as needed
- WSI began CCFP participation
- Implemented integrated WSI En Route hazard editor and monitoring tool



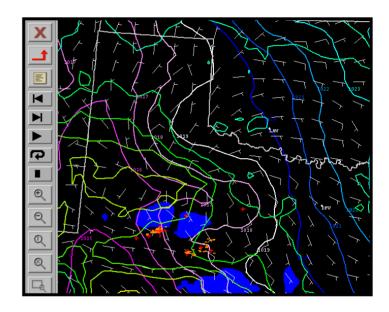
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       FL390 - FL420
AREA
       65ESE SGF - 45WNW LIT - 75W SHV - 5NNW DFW
       55SSW RZC - 20NW SGF - 65ESE SGF
MVT
       E 30KT
OUTLK
      NC IN INTENSITY
DISC
       LINE OF TSTMS ASSOCIATED WITH COLD FRONT.
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#### **Convective Initiatives 2006**



- Refinement of RPM numerical model and "advective" forecast guidance
  - Lightning density
  - Convective wind events
  - Weather type
  - Visibility
  - Ceiling
  - Turbulence
  - Icing
- Enhancements to our existing real-time monitoring and forecast verification system



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