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KCI most technologically advanced commercial airport in the U.S.

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California-based aviation consultant, Elite Services Group, ranked KC International airport # 1 in the U.S. in its 2004 TSP-R (Traveler Service Point Rating) report which surveyed 50 commercial airports in the United States. The same report ranked KCI # 28 a year ago.

"TSP-R is a business class rating system developed to identify a TSP's level of support for the business traveler," explains the report.

KCI made it to # 1 with the $258 million terminal renovation which made wireless technology available to KCI travelers.

Students using KCI to travel on the weekend will find it more convenient to do school work while waiting for their flight.

The TSP-R system is designed to rate airports on how well they provide service and coverage for cellular, 802.11b wireless LAN, and phone data ports within 200 feet of each departure or arrival gate. The rating system also looks at capacity issues relating to runways, and flight delays, as well as ease of access, security, parking and other related attributes limiting inconvenience to the business traveler.

KCI scored 4.608 on a 5-ponit scale, beating Denver and San Francisco both sharing the # 2 spot with 4.606. These were the only three airports that earned a "business class" rating with scores higher than 4.5. Only 15 airports made it to the "basic service" rating with scores between 3 and 4.5. The remaining 32 airports in this years report were classified in the "minimal service" category with scores between 1.5 and 3 points.

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