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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides the creation of a destination management and fulfillment service that consolidates existing ticketing and destination marketing systems in, e.g., the travel and leisure industry, into an automated electronic commodities manager and/or automated ticket manager. In a preferred embodiment, a network of automated ticketing devices (interactive unmanned kiosks) are deployed for on and off-property ticket sales and fulfillment, in addition to venue ticketing systems and automated sales channels, to provide product fulfillment remotely. The present invention facilitates LIVE inventory management and sales through to payment by and delivery to the end user. It also allows these functions to be monitored and reacted to in real-time, thus providing live inventory management, sales and marketing, financial processing and contract management.

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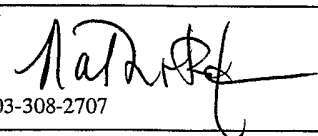
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