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Digi International (Minnetonka, Minn., U.S.A.), a network communication company, last week announced that Inteligistics (Pittsburgh, Penn. U.S.A.), a logistics provider, will use its Device Cloud, wireless gateways and ZigBee modules to wirelessly enable its asset tracking system. The system will be used by the U.S. Navy to track the contents of tens of thousands of shipping containers across the world as well as by the global logistics industry, according to Digi. The system provides security and real-time access to location, inventory, environmental data and other critical information.

Inteligistics Smart Box inventory tracking system includes a controller with a ConnectPort X cellular gateway and RFID reader modules with XBee ZigBee modules. The RFID readers gather container content information from RFID tagged items in a container and communicate the data back to the gateway via the ZigBee modules, according to Digi. The gateway then sends the information to the iDigi Device cloud over cellular networks where Inteligistics' customers can monitor container location, content and activity and can react to any abnormal incidents.

Environmental sensors are also connected via ZigBee modules to the gateway to provide additional container information such as door open status, temperature, weight and other information, says Digi. The system also provides real-time alerts related to security breaches, routing deviations or abnormal environmental conditions.

"The iDigi Device Cloud and wireless technology enable advanced system functionality and total asset visibility in real-time," said Mandava.

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