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## **Universal Increases Usability of UVTripPlanner by Publishing Three Versions**

**Houston, Texas** – In response to feedback from pilots, flight department managers, and schedulers and dispatchers, Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. (Universal®) has published three versions of its 2006 *UVTripPlanner*<sup>sm</sup> trip reference tool, with the first distribution at the National Business Aviation Association's (NBAA) 58th Annual Meeting & Convention Nov. 9 – 11.

Each edition of *UVTripPlanner* is a comprehensive trip reference tool for business aviation, designed for easy use and portability as a pre-trip reference for planning purposes. The guide is a single-source “database” for airport information that flight operations teams require every day, including civil, joint and military airports (with a minimum of 3,900 feet of hard-surfaced runway), as well as Fixed Base Operators (FBOs) and ground handlers servicing those airports.

The three versions of *UVTripPlanner* include:

- Worldwide Edition, covering the globe through Universal's extensive connections and knowledge
- North America Edition, including the entire continent and coastal islands
- Europe Edition, sharing specific details of the region's busy routes

By producing three versions, Universal continues to respond to the growing needs of its clients. In this case, the need was to provide two segmented, easy-to-reference planners – in addition to the Worldwide Edition – that specifically address the two most visited areas of the world: North America and Europe.

In creating the two new editions, Universal ensured all three versions offer the same useful tools and data that flight operations teams have grown accustomed to using every day:

- General overflight and airport of entry requirements
- Visa/passport, security and health guidelines

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- International Trip Checklist (printable version available at *uvtripplanner.com*)
- U.S. Customs, Immigration and Agriculture information
- Worldwide U.S. Embassy and Consulate offices
- ICAO (International Civil Aviation Association) airport codes, cross-referencing to IATA and FAA airport codes (printable version available at *uvtripplanner.com*)
- Identification of UVair® contract fuel locations and UVglobal Network® member and center locations
- Trip request outline (printable version available at *uvtripplanner.com*)
- A section outlining common trip planning and coordination pitfalls, with suggested preventive steps
- Approved NOTAM (Notice to Airmen, an FAA designation for aviation bulletins) abbreviations
- Conversions and international sizes cross-reference tables
- Monthly industry calendar, trade shows and conferences
- FBO and handler information such as phone, fax, SITA communications, etc.

More information, including pricing and ordering, can be found at *uvtripplanner.com* or by calling Universal directly.

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At Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc., our goal is to become a vital extension of our clients' flight operations teams. Universal® offers a wide range of services designed to provide business aviation operators seamless service from start to finish. Universal's wide range of services includes flight planning, weather briefings, online tools, the UVair® Fueling Card and the UVglobal Network®, UVdatalink® air-to-ground communication, and more.

Universal has been facilitating successful trips for business aviation operators since 1959. To learn more about Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc., e-mail *sales@universalweather.com*, or call (800) 231-5600 ext. 3300 (N. America Toll Free) or (713) 944-1622 ext. 3300 (Worldwide Direct).

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