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Universal Releases 2007 *UVTripPlanners*, Unveils CD-ROM Version at NBAA2006

Houston, Texas – Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. is unveiling the new 2007 *UVTripPlanner*sm both in traditional “paperback” edition and in a new CD-ROM version at the National Business Aviation Association’s 59th Annual Meeting and Convention (NBAA2006), held in Orlando, Florida October 17–19.

*UVTripPlanner*sm is a comprehensive trip reference tool that Universal® compiles from a vast collection of data into a convenient, hands-on, print and CD-ROM planning resource. The highly regarded *UVTripPlanner*sm print reference has set the standard for trip planning guides for many years.

New *UVTripPlanner*sm CD-ROM Provides Powerful Planning Tool

The new *UVTripPlanner*sm CD-ROM offers features and information never before available to trip planners in one compact tool. Operating from a massive database far larger than possible in a print reference, it contains more than 25,000 airport, heliport, and seaplane base landing facilities, 8,600 FBOs and handlers, nearly 15,000 hotels near airports, 2,100 caterer listings, more than 5,000 transportation provider listings, and more than 1,000 airport diagrams for the top worldwide business airports identifying FBO and handler locations.

The interactive program offers uniquely powerful trip planning convenience and flexibility. The tool’s most unique feature is its easy-to-use, yet powerful search capabilities that make it possible to compare thousands of trip possibilities and generate customized travel plans in minutes, as well as find remote “unknown” airports within seconds and with just a click of the mouse.

“This interactive *UVTripPlanner*sm has raised the bar for business aviation reference tools,” said Randy Stephens, Publisher of *UVTripPlanner*sm and Manager of Universal’s Database Management Division. “The program brings together an enormous database of trip information and aviation expertise, but is still remarkably simple and convenient to use. It’s a robust tool and a fantastic resource that Universal’s clients can use to help with all their trip-planning decisions.”

Among the program’s many new features is a “City Center Search” that allows clients to locate landing facilities of any size within a specified distance of a city center, and critical information for short-notice, fast-turnaround trips, such as medical evacuations.

Because it includes all worldwide landing facilities – airports, heliports, and seaplane bases – it contains more than twice as many listings as are available in the print version. Additionally, for most landing facilities in the database, there are detailed contact and services listings for ground services such as FBOs, handlers, caterers, transportation providers, lodging and more.

NBAA attendees are invited to get a sneak peek at the powerful new tool by visiting Universal’s booth (#209) and participating in an interactive demonstration. In addition, clients may give their definition of “A Successful Trip” and take home a complimentary copy of either the CD-ROM or the print edition.

Three Editions of 2007 *UVTripPlanner*sm Reference Book

New releases of the traditional print editions of the *UVTripPlanner*sm will also be available at Universal's NBAA exhibit. The "anywhere, anytime" convenience and portability of the popular reference guide comes in three print versions, including the Worldwide Edition, with airport information for more than 220 countries throughout the world, as well as North America and Europe Editions.

These three versions feature updated information on civil, joint and military airports that have at least 3,900 feet of hard-surfaced runway; FBOs and handlers servicing those airports, visa, passport, security and health guidelines; identification of Uvair® contract fuel locations; identification of UVglobal Network® member and center locations; and thousands more essential trip references.

'Pilot' Web-based *UVTripPlanner*sm To Be Demonstrated

Along with the new CD-ROM, Universal is offering an exclusive viewing in its exhibit (#209) of a Web-based *UVTripPlanner*sm, currently in development.

"We're very excited about the potential of a Web version of the *UVTripPlanner*sm that will provide clients with the ability to use real-time data in their trip planning process," said Stephens. "They will see data updates as we make them. We are looking forward to hearing what our client's comments are as we further develop this revolutionary tool." Stephens added the Web-based "real-time" *UVTripPlanner* is due to come online first quarter 2007.

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Universal® welcomes visits, questions and comments from current and potential clients at its NBAA exhibit (#209), and calls at Worldwide (713) 944-1622 or N. America Toll-Free (800) 231-5600. Or visit universalweather.com.

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