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## **Universal Approved as Qualified Internet Communication Provider by FAA**

**Houston** (Jan. 28, 2008) – Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. has been approved as a Qualified Internet Communication Provider (QICP) by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

“This FAA approval provides Universal<sup>®</sup> clients with the assurance that Universal<sup>®</sup> meets or exceeds the FAA standards for reliability, accessibility and security when disseminating weather and NOTAM data via the Internet,” said Jim Reed, Universal<sup>®</sup> Director of Meteorology and Flight Planning.

Reed said Part 121 and Part 135 operators may now list Universal<sup>®</sup> as their approved QICP for online weather information.

“Not many companies have been approved as a QICP,” said Reed. “We documented to the FAA that we are reliable by meeting its standard of no more than 30 minutes of total outages in a three-month period. We also met the FAA’s accessibility standard, as we are capable of initiating transmission of the data requested with 100 percent of its users within two minutes. Finally, we documented our Internet security capability, ensuring the data is not accessed or modified by unauthorized parties.”

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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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> Fueling Card, Universal Aviation<sup>sm</sup> worldwide ground support, UVdatalink<sup>®</sup> air-to-ground communication, and more. Universal has been facilitating successful trips for business aviation operators since 1959.*

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