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Universal Introduces Online MCL/APIS Filing that ‘Works the Way you Work’

Houston, TX (May 5, 2006) – Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. (Universal®) has introduced an exclusive online Master Crew List (MCL) and Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) filing application that adapts to work the way individual clients work.

This new service complies with the United Nations/Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (UN/EDIFACT) crew and passenger information requirements, implemented in October 2005. UN/EDIFACT requires more extensive data than previous measures; APIS information will eventually be required into and out of every country within the Western Hemisphere.

The Universal online MCL/APIS service allows clients to provide the relevant information via an online format, or by letting Universal collect the required information to file the necessary reports for clients. In keeping with its global presence, Universal has programmed each U.N. country into the system upgrade to pull from one repository of information.

“We want every flight operation, no matter its size or budget, to have a simple, secure way to file ‘pax’ and crew lists,” said Jeff Briand, Vice President, Trip Support Services. “Our developers and MCL/APIS experts have achieved that goal with this online application.”

Universal provides full-length online forms through which clients can enter names, citizenships, and all other vital information required by U.S. and international law. Universal then submits those fully-detailed lists to the proper authorities for APIS and MCL processing. The online service will also store the data to allow for future changes or modifications.

This service is now available on a pay-per-use basis via credit card for those who do not use Universal for other services. Existing Universal clients will continue to have MCL/APIS submission access through their regular trip support representative, and can enjoy the convenience of direct billing.

The MCL/APIS application is designed to be simple and efficient for every user, and is one way for potential clients to discover the benefits of Universal’s extensive knowledge and experience.

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“We hope to encourage new clients to investigate our full complement of trip support services,” Briand said. “Online tools are a great way to introduce flight operations to all that Universal can do for them.”

To learn more about MCL and APIS services from Universal, e-mail us at apis@univ-wea.com.

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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).

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