ADDITIONAL BUSINESS SECTORS RECOMMENDED FOR .travel INTERNET DOMAIN NAME ELIGIBILITY

The Travel Partnership Corporation Recommends Consideration of Two New Sectors Eligible for **.travel** Top Level Domain Name

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 12, 2006) – The Travel Partnership Corporation (TTPC), the non-profit body responsible for developing domain name eligibility policies for the **.travel** TLD, recommended the inclusion of two new sectors to the list of travel industry entities eligible to hold such domain names. The announcement took place before an audience of tourism leaders at the WTTC Global Travel Summit in Washington, D.C.

Travel insurance businesses and travel training institutions, both of them being purely dedicated to serve the travel industry only, are now being considered, pending review of public comments, to join the global travel community and register their rightful names within the **.travel** Internet space.

This policy change was adopted at the recently concluded board meeting in Berlin and the TTPC will post these changes on its web site www.ttpc.org for public comments for a 60- day period. The public comment period will begin on April 12th 13.00 hrs UTC.

If approved by TTPC board after TTPC Executive Committee review of the public comments, the **.travel** Internet domain space will grow to include 20 sectors under which travel-related business and organizations can qualify to register a name. Categories currently include:

- Airlines
- Attractions/Theme Parks
- Bed & Breakfast Houses
- Bus/Taxi/Limousine Operators
- Camp Facility Operators
- Vehicle Rental Companies/Airport Specialty Car Park Companies
- Computer Reservation/Travel Technology Provider
- Convention & Visitor's Bureaus
- Cruise Lines
- Ferries
- Hotels/Resorts/Casinos
- National Tourism Offices
- Passenger Rail Lines
- Restaurants
- Tour Operators
- Travel Agents
- Travel Media
- Travel-Consumer and Market Research Organization

"In response to the will of the travel community and demand for the expansion of the **.travel**

Internet space, TTPC continues to evaluate additional segments within the community for domain name qualification," says Birger Backman, Chairman of TTPC. "We are pleased to offer the opportunity to register **.travel** domain names to bona fide travel service providers in the framework of established practices and policies put in place for the good of the industry," says Backman.

About The Travel Partnership Corporation

The Travel Partnership Corporation is a Washington-based non-profit corporation formed to promote the addition to the Internet of the top-level sponsored domain (sTLD) known as **.travel**. The TTPC recommends policies and practices concerning the eligibility to register names with the **.travel** Internet domain. For more information, visit www.ttpc.org.

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