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UNITED SPACE ALLIANCE SUPPLIER VISITS HIGHLIGHT AN AEROSPACE AWARD AND AN ASTRONAUT VISIT

HOUSTON, Texas (August 23, 2007) -- United Space Alliance (USA) finished a successful week of supplier visits in Missouri and Colorado, recognizing a key industrial partner and bringing a former Space Shuttle astronaut to college students.

A team from USA visited LaBarge, Inc. in Joplin, Missouri, Ball Aerospace and Technologies in Boulder, Colorado, and Lockheed Martin Space Systems in Littleton, Colorado.

Ball Aerospace was presented with the distinguished USA Space Flight Awareness Supplier Award. The award, presented quarterly, recognizes suppliers demonstrating continued exemplary performance in program safety, quality, schedule, cost or efficiency. USA employees working closely with the suppliers provided the nominations for this award.

It takes the cooperation and support of a multifaceted network of businesses to provide the goods and services required for the challenge of space exploration. USA currently has more than 2,000 suppliers in 45 states that support the Space Shuttle Program. Supplier visits occurring throughout the year strengthen these business relationships.

“Our broad supplier base is critical to the job that we do,” said Loren Shriver USA Vice President, Engineering and Integration. “Each supplier provides an essential contribution to overall mission success and it is important we take the time to recognize their outstanding achievements.”

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While conducting supplier visits in Colorado, Shriver, a former Space Shuttle astronaut, participated in a panel discussion at the University of Colorado at Boulder along with six other USA and Ball Aerospace representatives. Following the panel, Shriver addressed the students, faculty and staff in a one-hour talk about his experiences in space and the highlights of his 30-year career with NASA.

A former U.S. Air Force test pilot, Shriver is a veteran of three space flights. He commanded the flight of Discovery in April 1990 on the STS-31 mission that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope. On his first mission, STS-51C in 1985, he served as a pilot and most recently he commanded the STS-46 mission in 1992 during which his crew conducted the first Tethered Satellite System flight test.

United Space Alliance is a world leader in space operations with extensive experience in all aspects of the field. Headquartered in Houston and employing 10,000 people in Texas, Florida and Alabama, USA is applying its broad range of capabilities to NASA's Space Shuttle, International Space Station and Constellation programs as well as to space operations customers in the commercial and international space industry sectors.

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BOULDER, Colorado (August 23, 2007) – United Space Alliance Vice President, Engineering and Integration and former Space Shuttle astronaut Loren Shriver addresses University of Colorado at Boulder students during a one-hour speaking engagement at the school. Shriver discussed the highlights of his three space flights and his 30-year career with NASA.

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