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UNITED VAN LINES SELECTS VAN OPERATORS OF THE MONTH

ST. LOUIS -- Select van operators have been honored by United Van Lines as Van Operators of the Month for October 2005. The recognition acknowledges excellent performance in the areas of operational proficiency, cargo claims prevention, customer service and safety.

Winners are selected in each category of the van line's transportation service, including household goods, special commodities and Safe-Guard. The special commodities fleet transports a variety of goods, including new furniture and fixtures, display cases, hospital and hotel furnishings, and restaurant equipment. The Safe-Guard business segment consists of electronics, trade shows/exhibits/displays, high-value items requiring special handling, and United's FastPath express service. The winners are:

HOUSEHOLD GOODS DIVISION

Continental Fleet, *Western Region* – Ralph Suitor, United Moving & Storage, Bremerton, Wash.

Continental Fleet, *West-Central Region* – Grant Heikkila, Wherley Moving & Storage, Inc., Duluth, Minn.

Continental Fleet, *Great Lakes Region* – Herman Murphy, Planes Moving & Storage, Inc., West Chester, Ohio

Continental Fleet, *Northeast Region* – Jim Talley, Suddath Relocation Systems of Maryland, Inc., Odenton, Md.

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Household Goods Regional Fleet (*more than 50,000 miles*) – **Richard Desjarlais**, Mergenthaler Transfer & Storage Co., Helena, Mont.; **Vincent Thomas**, Armstrong Relocation, Broken Arrow, Okla.; **Sherman McCoy**, Vincent Fister, Inc., Lexington, Ky.; and **Louis Masaya**, Hillside Van Lines, Inc., E. Northport, N.Y.

Household Goods Regional (*up to 50,000 miles*) – **Jose Carrillo**, Star Moving Systems, Tacoma, Wash.; **Daniel Kasper**, Lint Van Lines, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa; **Ronald Schneider**, Armstrong Relocation Company, La Vergne, Tenn.; and **John Epperson**, Hilldrup Moving & Storage, Charlotte, N.C.

SAFE-GUARD

Continental Fleet – Curtis Godfrey, Capitol Moving & Storage Co., Inc., South Windsor, Conn.

Master Lease Fleet – James San Soucie, Armstrong Relocation, Oklahoma City, Okla.

United Van Lines, with headquarters in suburban St. Louis, is the nation's largest household goods mover and maintains a network of 1,000 affiliated agencies in 135 countries.

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Editor's Note:

- Suitor is a resident of Tacoma, Wash. (98406)
- Heikkila is a resident of Floodwood, Minn. (55736)
- Murphy is a resident of Goldsboro, N.C. (27534)
- Talley is a resident of Union, Mo. (63084)
- Desjarlais is a resident of Big Fork, Mont. (59901)
- Thomas is a resident of Tulsa, Okla. (74110)
- McCoy is a resident of Lexington, Ky. (40505)
- Masaya is a resident of Hunting Station, N.Y. (11746)
- Carrillo is a resident of Canby, Ore. (97013)
- Kasper is a resident of Chariton, Iowa. (50049)
- Schneider is a resident of Murfreesboro, Tenn. (37129)
- Epperson is a resident of Hurt, Va. (24563)
- Godfrey is a resident of Dallas, Texas. (75208)
- San Soucie is a resident of Summerville, S.C. (29483)