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**AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL TO HONOR ITS MOST OUTSTANDING  
REPRESENTATIVE TRAVEL AGENCIES WITH TRIP TO PRAGUE AND VIENNA**

***Winners of the Representative Excellence Award Announced***

**NEW YORK, March 1, 2006** -- The American Express U.S. Consumer Travel Network (CTN) has announced the 27 members of its U.S. Representative Travel Network who have earned the prestigious *Representative Excellence Award* for 2005. Agency owners receiving the award will be recognized with a seven-day trip to Prague and Vienna as the guests of the The InterContinental Praha, June 14-17, and of The Intercontinental Wein, June 17-20.

The *Representative Excellence Award* honors the accomplishments of outstanding members of the Representative Travel Network who have been exemplary supporters of the American Express brand. These agencies achieved superior sales results driving cruise and tour supplier goals and secured the highest year-over-year sales growth. American Express' cruise and tour suppliers are among the most respected names in the travel industry known for providing excellent customer service and travel experiences.

"I am pleased to recognize the excellence that these agencies achieved," said Ellen Bettridge, vice president of the U.S. Representative Travel Network. "All 27 winners worked hard and delivered extraordinary results. They are great representatives of the American Express brand."

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This year's *Representative Excellence Award* winners include:

**Top 27 Agencies:**

Adventure Travel, Pompano Beach, FL  
All Seasons Travel Agency Inc., Birmingham, AL  
Anderson Travel and Cruises, Escondido, CA  
Azumano Travel, Portland, OR  
Brea Travel, Brea, CA  
Bursch Travel Agency, Inc., Alexandria, MN  
Cruise Planners, Inc., Coral Springs, FL  
Fox World Travel, Inc., Oshkosh, WI  
Garris Travel Service, Norfolk, VA  
Higgins Travel & Cruise Center, Eau Claire, WI  
James TravelPoints, Boulder, CO  
Luxury Cruise Center, Miramar, FL  
Malcolm Travel & Cruise, Baton Rouge, LA  
Mann Travel & Cruises, Charlotte, NC  
Milne Travel Agency, Inc., Barre, VT  
Pennsylvania Travel Inc., Paoli, PA  
Prestige Travel, Las Vegas, NV  
Sun Travel, El Paso, TX  
Summit Travel Group, Menlo Park, CA  
Suzi Davis Travel, Bloomington, IL  
Travel Authority, Louisville, KY  
Travelink, Incorporated, Nashville, TN  
TravelPlex Travel & Cruise, St. Louis, MO  
Vanguard Travel, St. Louis Park, MN  
Vista Travel, Colonia, NJ  
Wilcox World Travel & Tours, Ashville, NC  
Williamsburg Travel Management Companies, Atlanta, GA

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