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PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS CAUSING CONVENTION CONFUSION? PUERTO RICO MAKES MEETINGS EASY WITH NO PASSPORTS REQUIRED OF U.S. DELEGATES

-- Beyond Passports, Puerto Rico Boasts Outstanding Business Infrastructure & Amenities--

SAN JUAN, October 3, 2007 -- As most of the travel industry is aware, on-again, off-again, on-again travel documentation requirements of U.S. travelers throughout the Western Hemisphere are leaving confusion among travelers, as well as meeting planners who organize the travel for large groups and conventions, about their group's abilities to travel outside of the U.S. mainland.

However, meeting planners experiencing passport requirement angst can look to Puerto Rico to offer U.S. delegates hassle-free travel requirements. Unlike many other Caribbean destinations, **as a U.S. Commonwealth, passports are not required of U.S. citizens traveling to Puerto Rico.** As with all domestic U.S. travel, visitors to Puerto Rico are required only to present valid photo identification, such as a current driver's license for travel to the destination.

"With more confusion in the marketplace as to the documentation needed to travel outside of the U.S., meeting planners are facing serious challenges in insuring that delegates have the required proof of identity to get to their meeting destination," stated Ramón Sánchez, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Puerto Rico Convention Bureau. "By choosing Puerto Rico, meeting planners can avoid these headaches and enjoy a destination that combines the comforts of traveling on home soil with an international flavor and appeal."

An exotic, yet familiar location to enjoy business and group travel, one of the main reasons that Puerto Rico is such a highly desirable meetings and conventions destination is the ease of doing business, especially for U.S. conventioners. In addition to no passport requirements, Puerto Rico is wired for business, with outstanding telecommunications services that are part of the U.S. mainland's system, offering continuous connectivity with top service providers such as Verizon, Sprint, and ATT, among others. Add to that the same currency, no language barrier, and a common business culture, and it's easy to understand why Puerto Rico is the Caribbean region's most bustling business hub.

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Beyond the boardroom and state-of-the-art convention facilities, Puerto Rico offers meeting planners and their delegates a wide range of amenities and attractions to make a meeting or conference memorable. From the history of Old San Juan and the Island's distinctive culture to outstanding golf, beaches, spas, nightlife and dining, Puerto Rico is a world-class meeting destination with a familiarity that is especially appealing to U.S. visitors.

"Puerto Rico offers the ease and experience of conducting business as one would in any major U.S. city, yet with the added aspect of a distinctive culture and exotic flavor that many groups desire in a meeting destination," continued Sánchez. "Our sophisticated business climate and the allure of our tropical paradise are what set us apart from other meeting destinations, making Puerto Rico the Preferred Meeting Destination of the Americas."

For more information on current U.S. citizen passport requirements, visit www.travel.state.gov. For more information about meetings in Puerto Rico, visit www.meetpuertorico.com or call 1-800-875-4765.

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Editor's Note:

The Puerto Rico Convention Bureau (PRCB) is a non-profit organization established in 1962 to drive meetings, conventions, trade shows and incentive groups to Puerto Rico. With offices in San Juan, Chicago, New York, Miami, and Washington DC, the Bureau strengthens Puerto Rico's competitive position in the Americas and abroad by increasing awareness of the Island's outstanding meeting facilities and services, and produces approximately \$125 million to the local economy. The PRCB is the official marketing and sales agent for the new Puerto Rico Convention Center (PRCC) opened November 2005. For more information on the new Convention Center visit www.prconvention.com. The Puerto Rico Convention Bureau, representing the capital city of San Juan, has been granted full membership as of January 2005 into BestCities, a global alliance of Bureaus that represent the highest standards of service in the meetings and convention industry. For more information, visit www.bestcities.net. The Puerto Rico Convention Bureau has also been awarded accreditation from the Destination Marketing Association International as an elite destination management organization. DMAI is the world's largest association of CVBs, representing more than 600 destination management organizations in more than 25 countries. The Bureau can be reached electronically through the Internet at info@prcb.org or at its website www.meetpuertorico.com.

