



NEWS RELEASE

CONTACT: Dawn Baker
Director, Retail Operations
Phone: (503) 525-8116
Email: dbaker@azumano.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AZUMANO TRAVEL BRANCH MANAGER NAMED “REPRESENTATIVE PACESETTER” BY AMERICAN EXPRESS

PORTLAND, OREGON (February 28, 2007) Azumano Travel announced today that branch manager Connie Hope of its Tigard, Oregon retail office was named by American Express as a Representative Pacesetter for 2006.

The American Express Pacesetter Program is one of the longest running recognition programs within American Express. Pacesetters are the top-producing sales agents in the various travel groups across the Blue Box.

“Each Pacesetter brings the American Express Blue Box values to life by demonstrating a personal commitment to excellence. Their outstanding performance makes them role models for their peers and deserves our admiration,” said Ellen Bettridge, vice president of the U.S. Representative Travel Network.

Ms. Hope is a Certified Travel Counselor (CTC) with 26+ years of industry experience, and she is a recognized leader among her peers. Along with the 22 other Representative Pacesetters, she will be recognized in a gala awards ceremony on board Royal Caribbean’s *Voyager of the Seas* in May.

AZUMANO BRANCH MANAGER NAMED “PACESETTER” BY AMERICAN EXPRESS

February 28, 2007

Page Two of Two

“We are delighted with the announcement that Connie Hope has been named a Pacesetter by American Express. Connie’s expertise in travel and her exceptional customer service are exemplified in this award,” said Dawn Baker, Azumano’s Director of Retail Operations.

About Azumano Travel

Azumano Travel was founded in 1949 in Portland, Oregon, and has been a member of the American Express Representative Travel Network since 2001. Azumano is a multifaceted enterprise with a combined staff of 250 and sales revenues of more than \$225 million. The company has offices in Portland, Beaverton, Tigard, Salem, Corvallis and Eugene in Oregon; Vancouver, Seattle, and Redmond in Washington, and an office in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information, visit www.azumano.com.

About American Express

American Express entered the travel agency business in 1915 and today is one of the world's largest travel agency networks. The company has more than 2,200* Travel and Foreign Exchange Services locations worldwide in more than 140 countries.

American Express Company is a diversified worldwide travel, network and financial services provider founded in 1850. It is a leader in charge and credit cards, Travelers Cheques, travel, international banking. For more information, visit www.americanexpress.com

* Not all services available at all locations and subject to local laws and cash availability.

###