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Universal Protection Service Acquires Shield Security and Bower Security, Inc. Universal Protection Service Increases Their Security Force in Southern California

SANTA ANA, California (Aug. 2, 2010) - Universal Protection Service, a division of Universal Services of America and one of the largest providers of security services in the U.S., is excited to announce that they have acquired Shield Security and Bower Security, Inc. in Southern California. With their outstanding reputation in the security guard industry, together Shield and Bower Security employ close to 1,500 security officers throughout California and have been providing security guard services since 1964.

“We are very excited about this acquisition; Shield and Bower Security are two companies that we have respected for a long time, and combined with Universal Protection Service provides us with truly unmatched resources within Southern California,” said Steve Jones, Co-CEO and Chief Operating Officer of Universal Services of America.

The acquisition of Shield Security will increase Universal’s security force in Orange County, Inland Empire, San Diego, and the greater Los Angeles regions, while the Bower Security, Inc. acquisition will increase the two companies dominance in the Coachella Valley/Palm Springs area, covering a large percentage of the prestigious guard gated communities in that region.

“Having known the owners of Shield and Bower Security for over 20 years, I am extremely excited that they will now be part of our team. Shield has been well known in our industry throughout my career and we are proud to have their management staff on board,” said Brian Cescolini, Chairman and Co-CEO of Universal Services of America.

“We are excited and very pleased to be joining forces with an organization of such quality and culture like Universal Protection Service,” said Ed Klosterman Jr., President of Shield Security. “We believe that our two organizations parallel each other in their shared concern for their employees and customers.”

Universal Protection Service is the eighth largest security company in the U.S. and currently employs over 9,000 security professionals. Universal Protection Service is a division of Universal Services of America, which includes Universal Building Maintenance, Universal Protection Security Systems and Universal Fire/Life Safety Services. As they move ahead with their recent expansion, Universal looks forward to continuing to provide their clients with the best security solutions, personalized customer service and unmatched value available.

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Founded in 1965, Universal Services of America combines an innovative mix of tradition with cutting edge systems and technology to keep pace with the ever-evolving needs of today’s business environments. Headquartered in Santa Ana, Calif., with offices located throughout Arizona, California, Colorado, Texas and Washington, Universal employs hands-on, highly experienced management teams and continuous training to deliver consistent, high quality security solutions. Universal is made up of four unique divisions: Universal Protection Service, which offers a wide range of security professionals for commercial properties of every type; Universal Building Maintenance, which specializes in green cleaning services for every kind of facility; Universal Security Systems, which provides full-service security systems; and Universal Fire/Life Safety Services, which offers all aspects of emergency preparation. (State licenses: 1003458, 14417, 1025514, 0600, 58361). Visit us at: <http://www.universalpro.com>.