

## **AfA and NCBFAA Announce “SAFE”, Strategic Alliance on Freight Forwarder Endeavors**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 10, 2007):** The Airforwarders Association (AfA), the industry voice for air freight forwarders, and the National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of the America, Inc. (NCBFAA) today announced the formation of Strategic Alliance for Freight Forwarder Endeavors, SAFE.

“SAFE represents a natural alliance between AfA and NCBFAA on the pressing issues that are affecting the forwarding community,” said Brandon Fried, executive director of the Airforwarders Association. “Forwarders are facing a number of complex issues that could have a dramatic impact on their business. With regard to advocacy issues, our associations felt the forwarding community would be best served by joining our efforts to fight on their behalf.”

SAFE will work on a number of advocacy issues facing forwarders such as the ongoing discussion on Capitol Hill regarding 100 percent inspection of air cargo on passenger planes, regulatory issues with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and advocating on behalf of forwarders in public forums.

“NCBFAA is delighted to join efforts with AfA on these important issues,” said May Jo Muoio, NCBFAA President. “Our organization has a 100-year history of working for forwarders on advocacy efforts. SAFE represents the two key industry associations in the air cargo realm joining together in a flagship alliance effort.”

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### **About the Airforwarders Association**

The Airforwarders Association, with a full membership of more than 250 members, was founded in 1990, and today provides lobbying, training, information, and other beneficial services to the air forwarding community. The association works closely with the U.S. Congress, U.S. federal regulatory agencies and administration departments, air carriers, service providers, and other industry-related entities throughout America and abroad. For more information visit [www.airforwarders.org](http://www.airforwarders.org)

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### **About the NCBFAA ([www.ncbfaa.org](http://www.ncbfaa.org))**

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the NCBFAA represents nearly 800 member companies with 100,000 employees in international trade - the nation's leading freight forwarders, customs brokers, ocean transportation intermediaries (OTIs), NVOCCs and air cargo agents, serving more than 250,000 importers and exporters. Established in 1897 in New York, NCBFAA is the effective national voice of the industry. Through its various committees, counsel and representatives, the Association maintains a close watch over legislative and regulatory issues that affect its members. It keeps them informed of these and other related issues through its weekly *Monday Morning eBriefing*, *NCBFAA Quarterly Bulletin*, and various meetings as well as conferences throughout the year.

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