

## **Clear® Officially Approved by TSA**

### **as Registered Traveler Service Provider**

**November 27, 2006 - NEW YORK - Clear® Registered Traveler** announced today that on Friday it received formal notice from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) that it has been approved as a Registered Traveler Service Provider for the RT program national roll-out.

The notice to **Verified Identity Pass, Clear's parent company**, stated that, "TSA has completed its initial viability and security assessment and is pleased to notify you that Verified Identity Pass has met TSA's minimum criteria to offer RT services...."

Clear is the nation's first Registered Traveler Service Provider to receive official TSA approval.

Clear had been previously authorized to operate as part of the Orlando RT pilot program. "While this new approval is hardly unexpected," said Clear CEO Steven Brill, "it's another important milestone as we continue to lead the industry in processing enrollments and finishing the construction of our verification lanes at JFK, San Jose, Indianapolis, and Cincinnati. Those four airports are where, along with the extension of our initial pilot program in Orlando, we will begin our national rollout next month.

"We also know," Brill continued, "that some airports planning to initiate RT had been waiting for the official designation of one or more Service Providers before proceeding, so in that sense this is an important step toward a broad national roll-out in the next few months. We anticipate bringing Clear to 12-20 airports in the next twelve months."

"The next step over the coming week or two," Brill added, "involves TSA reviewing and approving the specific security plans and plans of operation at the five launching airports, a process that is underway and on track. TSA has been working hard, even over the Thanksgiving weekend, to make this happen, and we are grateful for TSA's leadership and commitment. The momentum is now palpable."

#### **About Verified Identity Pass and Clear™**

Verified Identity Pass's Clear Registered Traveler is the first privately run registered traveler program operating at U.S. airports. Clear has been fully operational since July 19, 2005, at Orlando International Airport. In September 2006, Clear began enrolling applicants at New York JFK International Airport's British Airways Terminal 7, as well as San José, Indianapolis and Cincinnati International Airports, and today has over 32,000 members. Clear will launch verification lanes at those airports in the coming weeks, upon final approval from TSA. Clear also has an agreement with Toronto Pearson International Airport to operate a Canadian program, working with Canadian authorities. Earlier this year, General Electric made a \$16 million investment to become a partner in Verified Identity Pass. A Clear verification kiosk, co-developed with GE, with explosive trace detection and shoe scanning technology is being tested, in cooperation with TSA, at the Orlando Airport. Once approved by TSA, the new equipment is intended to allow members in the Clear lanes to keep their shoes and jackets on as they pass through the security checkpoint. For more information: [www.flyclear.com](http://www.flyclear.com).