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***US Air Force Thunderbirds to Headline
2011 Boston – Portsmouth Air Show
Media invited to interview Thunderbirds on Thursday 2.10.11***

(**PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**) Boston–Portsmouth Air Show producers are excited to announce that the United States Air Force Thunderbirds have selected the **2011 Boston–Portsmouth Air Show** as one of only 39 venues the team will headline this year. This year’s show will take place on **August 13th and 14th** at the Portsmouth International Airport at Pease. It has been 25 years since the Thunderbirds performed their amazing precision aerial maneuvers in New Hampshire

Tickets for the show will go on sale starting February 25 at www.BostonPortsmouthAirShow.com. There are a limited number of corporate participation/sponsor programs still available. Companies interested in sponsorships should contact Joe Wiltrout, Air Show Director, at (603) 801-2479 or joe@bostonportsmouthairshow.com.

The Boston–Portsmouth Air Show, which attracted a record crowd of 70,000 spectators in 2010, is once again being jointly produced by the Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America and the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire. Show organizers are excited to work with the Portsmouth International Airport at Pease, the New Hampshire Air National Guard, and dozens of community partners to build on the success of last year’s show and make improvements so that the Boston–Portsmouth Air Show is once again the family destination event of the summer. Plans are already underway to address the traffic and parking concerns brought on by last year’s show, as well as reducing long lines for water and concessions.

“We are excited to be able to bring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds to the people of New England,” said Steve Wade, CEO, of the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire. “We are pleased to be able to follow up on our successful 2010 show by putting together another top-tier civilian air show that our sponsors, spectators and



the community can be proud of,” said Michael Kaufman, CEO of the Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America. “The Thunderbirds will headline what will again be a sensational lineup of the top air show acts on the circuit.”

Already confirmed for the 2011 show in addition to the Thunderbirds is New England’s own Michael Goulian, considered one of the top civilian aerobatic pilots in the world. The U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights will also make a return appearance to the show, and Team MS760 will perform their two-ship jet routine. Many additional civilian and military performers as well as a full slate of static displays will be announced soon.

The show also announced today that the Thunderbirds will make their official preseason site visit on Thursday, February 10th. The Thunderbirds are scheduled to land at Pease at 1:00 PM with a news conference scheduled for 3:15 PM at the Alpha Flying Group facility located at the Portsmouth International Tradeport at Pease (115 Flightline Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801). Media should arrive by 2:45 PM. Due to Homeland Security restrictions this event is open only to working media and invited guests. Names of media personnel to be present must register their name(s) to allison@herbgillen.com by 8:30 AM Thursday, February 10th.

High resolution images and b-roll of the Thunderbirds is available upon request from Herb Gillen Agency.

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The Boston – Portsmouth Air Show was reformed in 2010 from the former Pease Air Show, which was historically a mid-tier air show held at Portsmouth International Airport at Pease and the New Hampshire ANG Base every other year. The 2010 show had a record attendance of 70,000 attendees. The event is marketed regionally to an area including up to 4.5 million people. In addition to being a first-class aviation event, The Boston – Portsmouth Air Show supports two of New England’s finest community organizations. The Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America serves more than 18,000 youths annually. The Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire is a private, non-profit, family and consumer run organization representing more than 5,000 New Hampshire residents with acquired brain disorders and stroke. For more information visit www.BostonPortsmouthAirShow.com.