

Hostirian Selected to Provide Web Hosting Services for Private Space Travel Race for \$10 Million ANSARI X PRIZE

SpaceShipOne's First Launch to Draw Online Spectators Worldwide

St. Louis, MO- Tuesday, September 28, 2004--Hostirian, a leading Web Hosting provider in the Midwest market, today announced that the X PRIZE Foundation has chosen Hostirian to provide Web hosting services for SpaceShipOne's first private space flight for the \$10 million ANSARI X PRIZE on September 29, 2004 from 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. PT. Hostirian is delivering dedicated Web hosting services for the main web site www.xprize.org.

The ANSARI X PRIZE , a \$10 million reward offered to jumpstart the space tourism industry through competition among the most talented entrepreneurs and rocket experts in the world, will be awarded to the first team that privately finances and builds a spaceship that launches three people 62.5 miles high and returns safely to Earth. The same ship will also be required to successfully repeat a second flight within two weeks.

"For more than 30 years, the general public has waited for an opportunity to enjoy the space frontier on a first-hand basis and we anticipate a huge online turnout for the SpaceShipOne launch on September 29th," said Peter Diamandis, X PRIZE Chairman and President. "Hostirian will deliver the hosting platform that will be used by a worldwide audience for this great event," said Hostirian Vice President Steve Szachta.

The ANSARI X PRIZE competition follows in the footsteps of more than 100 aviation incentive prizes offered between 1905 and 1935, which created today's multi-billion dollar air transport industry.

About the X PRIZE Foundation (www.xprize.org)

The X PRIZE Foundation is a not-for-profit educational organization with headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. The Foundation's ANSARI X PRIZE Competition is supported by its Title Sponsor, the Ansari family, and Presenting Sponsor, Champ Car World Series. The Foundation is also supported by private donations from the St. Louis Community through an organization called the New Spirit of St. Louis Organization. The Foundation's mission is to educate the public about space travel, create educational programming for students and space enthusiasts, and provide incentives in the private sector to make space travel frequent and affordable for the general public. Several additional sponsorships for the ANSARI X PRIZE competition remain available to corporations or individuals who wish to support the contest and associate themselves with courage, determination, achievement, space, speed, high performance and technology.

About Hostirian

Hostirian was founded to meet the needs of regional businesses seeking a local web hosting partner capable of providing state of the art and cost effective hosting facilities, superb customer service and assistance in managing their business's web presence. By focusing only on web hosting, Hostirian is able to provide a level of customer service and consultation that is unmatched by any other local provider of web hosting services. Hostirian is typically able to provide dedicated and colocation services for substantially less than other National web hosting companies. Hostirian offers shared web hosting services and managed web hosting services to businesses operating mission critical, multi-functional Web sites and offers Web hosting services to the rapidly growing number of application service providers. Founded in January 2001 as a stand-alone company, Hostirian has deep roots in enterprise Web hosting dating to 1995.