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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Expedia Releases Current Booking Levels
and Revenues for Quarter Prior to Events of September 11

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BELLEVUE, Wash. - Sept. 18, 2001 - Expedia, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXPE) reported that data from September 12 through September 16 indicated that, following the terrorist attacks last week, travelers booked new reservations on Expedia(R)'s sites at between 35% and 40% of the levels for the same days in the prior week. Further, on September 17, bookings were running at approximately 45% of the levels for the same day in the prior week. These figures do not include cancellations, which have been significant due to disruptions in travel services and travel plans caused by the events of last week.

"In light of last week's tragedies, we believe our early booking levels are an encouraging indication of the resilience of the American spirit," said Richard N. Barton, president and chief executive officer of Expedia.

Expedia also reported that the Company recorded revenue for July and August at a quarterly run rate of approximately \$90 million. Further, "as of September 15th, Expedia had a very strong balance sheet with more than \$225 million in cash," said Gregory S. Stanger, chief financial officer. "It's too early to assess the near-term impact on our business, but long term, we believe our travel bookings will again increase at an attractive growth rate."

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Meanwhile, Expedia continues to work with USA Networks to complete the acquisition by USA Networks of a majority interest in Expedia, which was announced on July 16th.

Ongoing updates keep customers well-informed

In response to the terrorist attacks and the resulting uncertainty and difficulties posed by continually changing travel information, Expedia has been providing ongoing updates and news now found in the Travel Disruption Resource Center located at www.expedia.com/resourcecenter. Already viewed by more than half a million people since September 11, the center provides frequent airport and airline updates, information on check-in procedures, flight status, and updates on visitor attractions nationwide.

About Expedia, Inc.

Expedia, Inc. (Nasdaq: EXPE) operates Expedia.com, a leading, independent online travel service in the United States with localized versions in Canada, Germany and the United Kingdom.

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