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SMARTBOX to Open Franchise in Minneapolis

Portable Self-Storage Firm Celebrates Eight New Franchises Since Start of 2006

RICHMOND, Va., March 13, 2006 – SMARTBOX, a leader in portable self storage, today announces its eighth new franchise since the start of 2006. Minneapolis, which will open this spring, joins Atlanta, Baltimore, Denver, Jacksonville, Fla., New Orleans, Raleigh, N.C., and San Antonio as franchises that have opened in the past 10 months.

“Just a couple years ago, our roots were in Virginia and North Carolina,” said Dusty Rhodes, director of business development for SMARTBOX. “We’ve quickly expanded across the Southeast through Texas – and now to the Midwest. Soon, homeowners and business owners alike in Minneapolis will see that our portable and easy-to-use storage solutions bring a new level of convenience to the self-storage or moving process.”

SMARTBOX, founded in 2004 and recently named to the “Franchise 50” by the Franchise Business Review, enables residential and commercial users to pack and load their belongings at their convenience in containers that are 8 feet long, 7 feet tall and 5 feet wide and can hold the contents of up to 1½ rooms (3,000 pound capacity).

When they’ve finished packing their Smartboxes, users can call SMARTBOX to pick them up and deliver them for storage in one of its secure warehouses or for moving to another location through its SMARTCARE service. Some users store their Smartboxes at their homes or offices.

About SMARTBOX

SMARTBOX is a leader in the portable self-storage industry, offering individuals and businesses affordable and convenient storage and local and long-distance moving solutions. Based in Richmond, Va., SMARTBOX has franchises in Minneapolis, Denver, San Antonio, Baltimore, Atlanta, New Orleans, Charlotte, N.C., Raleigh, N.C., Jacksonville, Fla., Richmond, Va., Williamsburg/Newport News, Va., Norfolk/Virginia Beach, Va., and Fredericksburg, Va. For more information, visit www.smartboxusa.com.

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