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USA Technologies Names Steven D. Barnhart Lead Independent Director

MALVERN, PA, December 6, 2011 -- USA Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: USAT) today announced that Steven D. Barnhart has been elected Lead Independent Director by the Company's independent directors. In an appointment aimed at enhancing corporate governance, Mr. Barnhart will become the Company's first Lead Independent Director. Mr. Barnhart was appointed to the USAT board in October 2009. In addition to his role as Lead Independent Director, he will continue to be Chair of the Nominating Committee and a member of the Audit and Compensation Committees.

The move to name a Lead Independent Director is consistent with the Company's efforts to augment corporate governance and shareholder friendliness. Among his key responsibilities as Lead Independent Director, Mr. Barnhart will consult with the Chairman of the Board on the agenda for and schedule of meetings of the Board of Directors, serve as a liaison between the Chairman of the Board and the independent directors, chair executive sessions of the board's independent directors, and participate with the Chairman of the Board on communications with the Company's shareholders.

In commenting on his new role, Mr. Barnhart said, "As Lead Independent Director, I will work closely with Steve Herbert and the Board of Directors, as we work toward sustained operating profitability and long term growth. Our mutual goal is to increase shareholder value, enhance corporate governance, and improve shareholder visibility and responsiveness."

Stephen P. Herbert, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of USA Technologies, added, "With his diverse C-suite background and relevant industry experience, Steve Barnhart has proven to be a valuable asset to both the management team and board of USA Technologies. He was the natural choice to be named Lead Independent Director, as his experience with publicly-traded companies and financial sophistication give him unique insights into not only our operations, but the capital markets and business environment in general. As Lead Independent Director, Steve will reinforce the strength and independence of our board, as we seek to enhance our corporate governance and deploy best practices."

Mr. Barnhart is currently Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Bally Total Fitness, a role he has held since January 2010. Previously, he served as Chief Executive Officer and President of Orbitz Worldwide from 2007 to January 2009, after holding other executive positions within the company since joining in 2003. Prior to Orbitz Worldwide, he worked for PepsiCo and the Pepsi Bottling Group from 1990 to 2003.

Mr. Barnhart received a Bachelor of Science degree in economics in 1984 from the University of Chicago, and a Master of Business Administration degree in 1988 from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Mr. Barnhart served on the Board of Directors of Orbitz Worldwide from 2007 to January 2009.

Forward-looking Statements:

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