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### **FCC GRANTS CERTIFICATION APPROVAL FOR UNIDEN DIGITAL CAPABLE SCANNERS**

*Bearcat® APCO P-25 Capable Units Available in Late 2002*

FORT WORTH, Texas, September 16, 2002 – Uniden America Corporation today announced that the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) granted certification approval for the company's digital capable scanners, the Bearcat® BC250D handheld and the BC785D base/mobile scanner, on August 22, 2002 (FCC ID: AMWUB316, covering both scanners). Uniden America Corporation unveiled its new digital scanner line at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in January of 2002.

“Our customers expressed a desire for a Uniden® APCO P-25 product, and we are pleased to be able to offer our new Bearcat BC250D handheld and BC785D base/mobile scanning unit,” said Scott Carpenter, Uniden Product Manager. “With the ability to monitor conventional, trunked and APCO P-25 conventional and trunked systems, these models are state-of-the-art radio scanners.” APCO Project 25 is a joint effort of U.S. federal, state and local government, with support from the U.S. Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), to develop a universal digital standard for wireless Land Mobile Radio communication users. These standards enable critical communications for safety and security agencies around North America and allow interoperability among the different agencies.

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The BC250D and the BC785D models offer 1,000 channels, 10 banks and a frequency range of 25MHz – 1300MHz. The BC250D comprises all of the features of Uniden's market-leading BC780XLT in a handheld model, plus an additional 600 channels. Users of both models must purchase an APCO P-25 card, the BCi25D, separately. All models will ship in late November 2002.

"We're pleased to be bringing these great Bearcat APCO P-25 capable units to market," Carpenter said. "We expect more big cities to migrate to the APCO P-25 digital technology, like Los Angeles did this past year, to ensure agency interoperability among police, fire, EMTs and the like – and we believe that news organizations, businesses and consumers will want to monitor these signals."

Uniden officials stressed that APCO P-25 digital scanning technology simply gives users the ability to monitor the unencrypted day-to-day activities and signals of standard city and government service departments – but in no way allows users to monitor encrypted signals from national and local security organizations or any type of cellular transmissions.

In a separate announcement, Uniden also detailed its plans to market its own easy-to-use scanner programming software, which was demonstrated in its booth at CES 2002 in Las Vegas. The software, to be called E-Scanner™ Software, will allow users of all Uniden scanners with data ports to easily program frequencies into the channels and banks of their scanner.

**About Uniden®**

Uniden America Corporation, the North American subsidiary of Japan based Uniden Corporation, manufactures and markets wireless consumer electronic products including cordless telephones, business telecommunications systems, multimedia communications devices, scanner radios, CB radios, FRS, Marine radios and other wireless personal communications products. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, Uniden sells its products through dealers and distributors throughout North, Central and South America.