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Sultana Announces **Partnership with Jamestown 2007**

Chestertown, Maryland: Sultana Projects, Inc. announced today that it has entered into a National Promotional Partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Jamestown 2007 for the Captain John Smith Four Hundred Project. Sultana Projects joins the National Association of Manufacturers, the United States Department of Education, the National Council for Social Studies, the American Sail Training Association and the American Bar Association as Jamestown 2007's sixth National Promotional Partner.

Sultana Projects, Inc., a non-profit educational organization based in Chestertown, Maryland, is best known for operating the 1768 reproduction schooner SULTANA, the Schoolship of the Chesapeake. In a ceremony at the Maryland Statehouse last fall Sultana Projects, Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich, and representatives from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the National Geographic Society and the Conservation Fund announced plans for the Captain John Smith Four Hundred Project, a three year educational initiative to mark the 400th anniversary of the first thorough European exploration of the Chesapeake Bay made by Jamestown's Captain John Smith and fourteen English colonists in the summer of 1608.

Jamestown 2007, a sub agency of Virginia's Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, is working with organizations from across the country, planning a national commemoration to mark the establishment of the Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the Americas, in 1607. At the heart of America's 400th Anniversary, Jamestown 2007 will produce a series of entertaining, educational, cultural and commemorative signature events, programs and community activities aimed at reaching millions of Americans live and via broadcast while drawing worldwide attention to Jamestown's pivotal role in the nation's earliest days.

The Captain John Smith Four Hundred Project is being developed as a signature product for the Friends of the Chesapeake National Water Trail, a group whose founders include Gilbert Grosvenor, Chairman of the National Geographic Society, William Baker, President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Patrick Noonan, Chairman Emeritus of The Conservation Fund. The mission of the Friends of the Chesapeake National Water Trail is to celebrate the unique history and environment of the Chesapeake Bay by creating a lasting legacy for future generations through the establishment of America's first National Water Trail.

Craftsmen in Chestertown, Maryland have already begun work on a replica of the 30-foot open-boat or "shallop" that Smith and his men used to make their three-month, 1,700-mile voyage. Upon its completion in 2006, the shallop will be exhibited in museums throughout the Chesapeake

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Region before setting out with a fifteen-man crew in the summer of 2007 to fully retrace Smith's expedition. The 2007 voyage will be the culmination of a three-year, multi-organizational effort to educate students from around the region about this important episode in Chesapeake history. Sultana Projects is currently working with the Maryland State Department of Education, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, The Conservation Fund, the National Geographic Society and the Friends of the Chesapeake National Water Trail to develop an educational curriculum that will inform students about Smith's explorations and the American Indian cultures that inhabited the Chesapeake at time of first contact.

"It is an honor for us to be a partner with Jamestown 2007," commented Joyce Huber Smith, Board Chair of Sultana Projects, Inc. "Jamestown 2007 anticipates participation by world leaders, celebrities, educators and citizens throughout the nation."

"The Captain John Smith Four Hundred Project highlights a unique and important part of Jamestown's history," said Jamestown 2007 Executive Director Jeanne Zeidler. "The story of Jamestown is relevant to the entire country, but the reenactment of Smith's 1608 voyage will emphasize Jamestown's connection to hundreds of communities up and down the Chesapeake Bay."

In the coming months Jamestown 2007 and Sultana Projects will be announcing specific events in 2006 and 2007 in which they will be working together.

To learn more about Jamestown 2007 visit: www.americas400thanniversary.org

To learn more about Sultana Projects and the Captain John Smith Four Hundred Project visit: www.schoonersultana.org and www.johnsmith400.org.

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