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Spartan Chassis Presents New Revel Concept Chassis Enabling RV OEMs to Realize 10% – 13% Larger Body Interior

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Incremental Space Achieved With a Body-On-Frame and Low Cab Forward Chassis Architecture

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 27, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Spartan Chassis, a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq:SPAR), today presented a new concept chassis that is based on a low cab forward architecture and enables a body-on-frame design. This chassis can yield 10% to 13% of additional interior space that the recreational vehicle OEMs can leverage to create a differentiated customer experience and target the higher growth levels found in the small Class A segment. Code named Revel, the chassis was presented at the RVIA National RV Trade Show in Louisville, KY.

The Revel concept chassis includes:

- Engine: 6.0 Liter gasoline engine
- Output: 297 HP with 392 ft.-lb. of torque (at 4000 RPM)
- GVWR: 12K – 14.5K (additional capacity available with other powerplants)
- Wheelbase: 109" to 176"
- Suspension: Tapered, multi-leaf springs
- Frame: Single channel, ladder type (*optional "Coach Ready" type*)

"Availability of a true body-on-frame chassis design in this segment is limited. Current product offerings are configured primarily as Class C. One of our value-adds to the RV OEM is development of new platforms which push the envelope of possibilities," said Tom Gorman, Chief Operating Officer, Spartan Motors. "Creating additional space above the rails which the RV OEMs can leverage to design a better RV experience should be well received at this end of the motorized market where 13% of additional space is material."

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- Customer support: superior after the sale service provided by over 585 authorized Spartan service providers
- Customer service: the best Roadside Assistance program provided in partnership with Good Sam and their network of over 40,000 mobile service providers

The Spartan Chassis display at the Kentucky Expo Center is located in booth # 1526.

About Spartan Chassis

Spartan Chassis, Inc. is a world-class leader in the engineering, manufacturing and marketing of chassis and aftermarket parts for emergency-response, recreational vehicle (RV), defense and specialty vehicles. End users recognize and request the Spartan Chassis brand, which consistently delivers superior performance, exceptional safety ratings and innovations which distinguish us from the competition. Visit Spartan Chassis at spartanchassis.com.

About Spartan Motors

Spartan Motors, Inc. designs, engineers and manufactures specialty chassis, specialty vehicles, truck bodies and aftermarket parts for the recreational vehicle, emergency response, government services, defense, and delivery and service markets. The company's brand names - Spartan™, Spartan ERV™ and Utilimaster® - are known for quality,

performance, service and first-to-market innovation. The company employs approximately 1,700 associates at facilities in Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Indiana, Florida and Texas. Spartan reported sales of \$426 million in 2011 and is focused on becoming a global leader in the design, engineering and manufacture of specialty vehicles and chassis. Visit Spartan Motors at theshyftgroup.com.

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