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SOUTHPORT, CT, November 1, 2004 /**DiversityBusiness.com**/ DiversityBusiness.com, the nation's leading multicultural B2B online portal, today announced the Div100, the 5th annual listing of the nation's top 100 African American-owned businesses. Ranging in revenue size from \$10 million to over \$1 billion, the companies listed on the Div100 represent the nation's top multicultural earners and challenge the long-held notion that African American-owned businesses are small or insignificant.

At the top of 2004's Div100 are World Wide Technology, Inc., headquartered in Maryland Heights, MO, with \$1.1 billion in 2003 revenues, 9008 Group, Inc., dba ACT-1 Group, based in Torrance, CA, with 480 million in 2003 revenues, and PCG Trading, LLC, headquartered in Peabody, MA, with \$300 million in 2003 revenues. The top companies will be honored at a special awards ceremony at DiversityBusiness.com's 5th Annual Multicultural Business Conference, taking place March 30 – April 1, 2005 at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut.

"Diversity-owned businesses contribute over \$1.4 trillion in sales to the U.S. economy," said Kenton Clarke, CEO of Computer Consulting Associates International, the company that built DiversityBusiness.com. "It is no longer just "the right thing" to do business with diversity suppliers. Because of recent economic and demographic trends and changes, major corporations are realizing that using a diverse supplier list positively impacts their business."

The Div100

The Div100 is a classification that represents the top 100 diversity-owned (women, Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Native Indian and other minority groups) businesses in the U.S., in sectors such as technology, manufacturing, food service and professional services. Major corporations, government agencies and college/universities throughout the country that do business with multicultural and women-owned businesses use the list The Div100 is produced annually by DiversityBusiness.com, the nation's leading multicultural B2B Internet portal that links large organizational buyers to multicultural product and service businesses.

"The Div100 companies are the heroes of diversity-owned business in America," said Kenton Clarke. These are the people that have conquered the hurdles and made the sacrifices, building and strengthening their communities, providing jobs and helping to keep the fabric of the U.S. economy together."

For the complete list of winning companies, please visit:

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About DiversityBusiness.com

Launched in 1999, DiversityBusiness.com with over 26,000 members is the largest organization of diversity-owned businesses throughout the United States that

provide goods and services to Fortune 1000 companies, government agencies and colleges and universities. The site has gained national recognition and has won numerous awards for its content and design. It is a membership-based exchange platform that facilitates contacts and communication, streamlines business processes and provides vital business news and information. DiversityBusiness.com is produced by Computer Consulting Associates International Inc. (CCAii.com) of Southport, CT. Founded in 1980 by CEO Kenton Clarke; CCAii is the one of the country's most successful African-American owned computer-consulting and diversity specialist firms.

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