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National Urban League honors WWT, Citi

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The National Urban League said Thursday that it plans to honor World Wide Technology Inc. founder and chairman David Steward, and Citi, formerly Citigroup, for their outstanding contributions to the African-American community at its upcoming 2007 annual conference in St. Louis.

The league will award Steward with the Business Pioneer Award and Citi with the Donald H. McGannon Award at the conference's annual business award luncheon to take place July 26 at noon in America's Center.

From Citi, the following executives will be honored: Natalie Abatemarco, Jackie Eubanks, Eric Eve and Lisa Joyner.

The 97th annual National Urban League conference, which is expected to draw more than 10,000 attendees from across the nation, will take place from July 25 through July 28. St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. (NYSE: BUD) and U.S. Bank will serve as conference co-chairs and title sponsors. Premium conference sponsors are St. Louis-based Centene Corp. (NYSE: CNC), Dell (Nasdaq: DELL), St. Louis-based Emerson (NYSE: EMR), St. Louis-based Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Reston, Va.-based Sprint (NYSE: S).

Confirmed speakers for the event include presidential candidates: Sens. Barack Obama and

Hillary Clinton, former Sen. John Edwards and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

August Busch IV, president and CEO of Anheuser-Busch Inc., and Richard Davis, president and CEO of U.S. Bank, will serve as conference co-chairpersons.

National Urban League, headquartered in New York City, includes more than 100 local affiliates in 36 states and the District of Columbia.

St. Louis-based World Wide Technology Inc. employs more than 1,000 people and is one of the largest privately held companies in St. Louis.

Citi (NYSE: C) employs about 4,750 people locally at its O'Fallon, Mo.-based CitiMortgage headquarters and 2,200 workers at its CitiCards division in Kansas City.

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