



## Top 500 Diversity Owned Businesses in the United States Announced

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SOUTHPORT, CT, October 27, 2005 /DiversityBusiness.com/ DiversityBusiness.com, the nation's leading multicultural B2B online portal, today announced the Div500, the 6th annual listing of the nation's top 500 diversity-owned businesses. Ranging in revenue size from \$20 million to over \$2 billion, the companies listed on the Div500 represent the nation's top multicultural earners and challenge the long-held notion that diversity-owned businesses are small or insignificant.

At the top of 2005's Div500 are Software House International, Inc., headquartered in Somerset, NJ, with \$2.5 billion in 2004 revenues, Burt Automotive, based in Centennial, CO, with 1.8 billion in 2004 revenues, World Wide Technology, Inc., headquartered in St. Louis, with \$1.4 billion in 2004 revenues and Omega World Travel, based in Fairfax, VA, with \$1.2 billion in 2004 revenues. These four businesses are Asian Pacific American-, Hispanic-, African American-, and Woman-owned respectively. The top companies will be honored at a special awards ceremony at DiversityBusiness.com's 6th Annual Multicultural Business Conference, taking place March 29 – March 31, 2006 at the MGM Mirage in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"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 having a diverse supplier base positively impacts their business revenue from this sector of buyers".

## The Div500

The Div500 is a classification that represents the top 500 diversity-owned (women, Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Native American 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 Div500 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 Div500 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:

<http://www.diversitybusiness.com/topbusinesslist>

## About DiversityBusiness.com

Launched in 1999, DiversityBusiness.com with over 30,000 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. DiversityBusiness.com performs research on diversity businesses for such leading publications as Forbes, Fortune magazine and numerous other media outlets. The site has gained national recognition and has won numerous awards for its content and design. DiversityBusiness.com 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; CCAii is the one of the country's most successful computer-consulting and diversity specialist firms.

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Div100 - 2005 Top Diversity Owned Businesses in USA						
Rank	Company	Principal	City	State	Diversity Category	Annual Sales
1	SHI	Thai Lee	Somerset	NJ	Asian Pacific American	\$2,500,000,000
2	BURT AUTOMOTIVE NETWORK	L.G. CHAVEZ JR.	CENTENNIAL	CO	Hispanic American	\$1,888,077,000
3	World Wide Technology	Dave Steward	St. Louis	MO	Black American	\$1,400,000,000
4	Omega World Travel	Gloria Bohan	Fairfax	VA	Woman Owned	\$1,237,500,000
5	Ensemble Workforce Solutions	Lisa Quattrini, Executive Vice President	Los Angeles	CA	Asian Pacific American	\$1,067,700,000
6	Red Man Pipe and Supply Company	Craig Ketchum	Tulsa	OK	Native American	\$740,000,000
7	Travel Solutions, Inc.	Tammy Troilo-Krings	Westerville	OH	Woman Owned	\$711,640,000
8	Sun Coast Resources, Inc.	Kathy Lehne	Houston	TX	Woman Owned	\$700,000,000
9	ACT-1 Group, a dba of 9008 Group, Inc.	Janice Bryant Howroyd	Torrance	CA	Black American, Woman Owned	\$627,000,000
10	Zones, Inc.	Firoz Lalji	Auburn	WA	Subcontinent Asian American	\$495,600,000
11	Mayer Electric Supply Co., Inc	Patsy A. Collat	Birmingham	AL	Woman Owned	\$435,656,931
12	AVI FOODSYSTEMS, Inc.	Patrice Kouvas	Warren	OH	Woman Owned	\$400,000,000
12	GlobalHue	Elcid Choi	Long Beach	CA	Black American	\$400,000,000
12	Innovative logistics Group, Inc	Theodore Vance	Taylor	MI	Black American	\$400,000,000
15	PCG Trading, LLC d/b/a Converge	Frank Cavallaro	Peabody	MA	Black American	\$390,000,000
16	Career Management International, Inc.	Susan Silvano	Houston	TX	Woman Owned	\$380,000,000
17	Covansys Corporation	Roy Pereira	Schaumburg	IL	Subcontinent Asian American	\$374,400,000
18	Aquent LLC	John Chuang	Boston	MA	Asian Pacific American	\$287,600,000
19	En Pointe Technologies Inc	Bob Din	El Segundo	CA	Subcontinent Asian American	\$279,234,000
20	Coverall North America	Ira J. Altman	Boca Raton	FL	Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American,	\$243,000,000

Div100 - 2005 Top African American Owned Businesses in USA						
Rank	Company	Principal	City	State	Diversity Category	Annual Sales
1	World Wide Technology	Dave Steward	St. Louis	MO	Black American	\$1,400,000,000
2	ACT-1 Group, a dba of 9008 Group, Inc.	Janice Bryant Howroyd	Torrance	CA	Black American, Woman Owned	\$627,000,000
3	GlobalHue	Elcid Choi	Long Beach	CA	Black American	\$400,000,000
3	Innovative logistics Group, Inc	Theodore Vance	Taylor	MI	Black American	\$400,000,000
5	PCG Trading, LLC d/b/a Converge	Frank Cavallaro	Peabody	MA	Black American	\$390,000,000
6	Coverall North America	Ira J. Altman	Boca Raton	FL	Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American, Woman Owned	\$243,000,000
7	The Bartech Group	David Barfield	Bingham Farms	MI	Black American	\$177,000,000
8	Mays Chemical Co., Inc.	William G. Mays	Indianapolis	IN	Black American	\$160,000,000
9	Qst, Inc	Warren Fleming	Damascus	MD	Black American	\$156,000,000
10	New Concepts Consulting Inc.	Kimberly Sanders	Cleveland	OH	Black American, Woman Owned	\$150,000,000
11	Thompson Hospitality	Warren Thompson	Herndon	VA	Black American	\$142,000,000
12	The Specialized Packaging Group, Inc.	Carlton L. Highsmith	Hamden	CT	Black American	\$129,000,000
13	Minority Alliance Capital, L.L.C.	Phil Patterson	West Bloomfield	MI	Black American, Hispanic American	\$125,000,000
14	American Product Distributors, Inc.	C. Ray Kennedy	Charlotte	NC	Black American, Disabled Veteran	\$114,000,000
15	North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company	James Speed	Durham	NC	Black American	\$100,000,000
16	BOB ROSS BUICK-GMC-HUMMER & MERCEDES-BENZ	Mrs. Norma Ross	CENTERVILLE	OH	Black American, Woman Owned	\$91,200,000
17	APC Workforce Solutions LLC, dba ZeroChaos	Frantz Alphonse	Orlando	FL	Black American	\$90,000,000
18	SAYESR40, INC.	Gale Sayers	Mount Prospect	IL	Black American	\$80,000,000
19	Aspect Computer Corp	Jonathan Chu	Somerset	NJ	Asian Pacific American, Black American	\$78,905,600
20	Golden Companies, Inc.	Ruby Bowden	Greensboro	NC	Black American, Woman Owned	\$76,400,000