



Powerlink Ranked Among U.S. Top 500 African-American-Owned Businesses

April 1, 2009, Detroit, Mich. -- In recognition of the economic power of privately-held businesses, DiversityBusiness.com, the nation's leading business-to-business internet site, recently named Detroit-headquartered, facilities management and maintenance services firm, Powerlink, as one of the top African-American-owned businesses in the United States.

After just six years of business, Powerlink ranked eighth out of 11 Detroit companies represented and 321st overall.

"We are honored to have our company included as part of such a prestigious list," said Link Howard, Powerlink president/CEO. "DiversityBusiness.com is one of the nation's lead advocates for diversity businesses and it's truly humbling to be highlighted by them for our successes."

This is the 9th annual listing of the Top African-American businesses by DiversityBusiness.com. Companies listed on the Top Business Lists represent the Nation's top multicultural earners and challenge the long-held notion that a privately held business is small or insignificant. Winners are sought after by major corporations wishing to increase spending with small businesses.

"Entrepreneurs are a growing force in the U.S. economy, and a force to be reckoned with," said Kenton Clarke, CEO of Computer Consulting Associates International, the company that built DiversityBusiness.com. This is a whole business segment that can carry its own, that provides jobs, products and services, and generates wealth for their communities. These are the new leaders in American business."

This List is a classification that represents the top small businesses in the U.S., in sectors such as technology, manufacturing, food service and professional services. Large organizational buyers throughout the country that do business with multicultural, small and women-owned businesses use the list. The List is produced annually by DiversityBusiness.com, the nation's leading multicultural B2B Internet portal that links large organizational buyers to multicultural product and service suppliers.

The winning companies will be honored at a special awards ceremony at DiversityBusiness.com's "9th Annual Multicultural Business Conference", taking place April 29 – May 1, 2009 at the Disney's Contemporary Resort in Orlando, Florida.

For the complete list of winning companies, please visit: www.diversitybusiness.com

About Powerlink

Powerlink is an ISO 9001-certified facilities management and maintenance services company whose customer service-focused professional staff follows industry standards for quality and process to help customers reduce costs, improve efficiency and gain higher customer satisfaction. Providing service to several industries, Powerlink is widely recognized for its outstanding services including building management and maintenance, capital projects planning, environmental services, groundskeeping and housekeeping.

With headquarters in Detroit, Powerlink's highly skilled and trained workforce is seamlessly integrated at customer sites in Michigan, Georgia, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee and Ontario.

About DiversityBusiness.com

Launched in 1999, DiversityBusiness, with over 46,000 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 provides research and data collection services for diversity including the "Top 50 Organizations for Multicultural Business Opportunities", "Top 500 Diversity Owned Companies in America", and others. Its research has been recognized and published by Forbes Magazine, Business Week and thousands of other print and internet publications. The site has gained national recognition and has won numerous awards for its content and design. It is a leading provider of Supplier Diversity management tools and has the most widely distributed Diversity magazine in the United States. DiversityBusiness.com is produced by Computer Consulting Associates International Inc. (CCAii.com) of Southport, CT. Founded in 1980.