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**Managed Business Solutions (MBS) Gains National Recognition  
Local Native American Business Named & Ranked 278th among  
Nation's Top 500 Native American Business List**

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In recognition of the economic power of multicultural businesses, DiversityBusiness.com, the nations' leading multicultural internet site, recently named Managed Business Solutions (MBS) as one of the Top 500 Diversity Owned businesses in the United States (Div500)".

The Div500 is the 8<sup>th</sup> annual listing of the Nation's top 500 diversity-owned businesses. The companies listed on the Div500 represent the Nation's top multicultural earners and challenge the long-held notion that a diversity-owned business is small or insignificant. Div500 members are sought after by major corporations wishing to increase spending with diversity owned companies.

**The Impact of Diversity Business**

"Diversity businesses and consumers 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."

Affected by recent economic and demographic trends and changes, Fortune 1000 corporations throughout the country have recognized that buying products and services from diversity owned companies positively impacts their business. Diversity-owned businesses contribute over \$1.4 trillion in sales to the U.S. economy.

Carmen Castillo, President of Superior Design International, Inc., Florida commented

*"These groups of companies represent the organizational spirit that drives our economy and even more. It offers insights into a vastness of cultures and an exchange of ideas that are so valuable in helping me to understand how to reach the needs of today's consumers".*

**The Div500**

The Div500 is a classification that represents the top 500 diversity-owned (Women, African American, Hispanics, Asians, Native Indian and other minority groups) 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 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 suppliers.

Managed Business Solutions will be honored at a special awards ceremony at DiversityBusiness.com's "8<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Business Conference", taking place April 23 - 25, 2008 at Disney's BoardWalk Resort in Orlando, Florida.

### **About Managed Business Solutions (MBS)**

Managed Business Solutions (MBS) is a premier provider of information technology based business solutions for mid-sized and large companies looking to increase productivity and reduce costs. MBS' size and skill sets enable us to be more responsive to clients needs than other IT providers, while our proven methodology of delivering services and cost savings has enabled us to maintain one of the highest customer retention rates in the industry. Managed Business Solutions, a privately-held Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), has been providing complete IT solutions since 1993. Sealaska, our parent company, is headquartered in Juneau, Alaska. MBS' operational headquarters is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

### **About DiversityBusiness.com**

Launched in 1999, with over 35,000 members DiversityBusiness.com 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. Members use the sites technology to find and track new business opportunities. It also produces the country's largest conference on diversity education and training for major corporations and small business. Its research on top businesses appears in Fortune, Forbes, Business Week and numerous magazines and media publications. The site has gained national recognition and has won numerous awards for its content and design. DiversityBusiness.com is produced by Computer Consulting Associates International Inc. (CCAii.com) of Southport, CT. CCA was founded in 1980 by CEO Kenton Clarke.

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