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**25 US Organizations Receive Annual Diversity Council Honors Awards During Reception in Atlanta**

**Atlanta, Georgia April 28, 2010** ...The Association of Diversity Councils recognized the Top 25 organizational diversity councils in the US with the 2010 Annual Diversity Council Honors Award™ given during the Diversity Council Honors Award Reception last evening at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit on Leading Diversity Conference in Atlanta. The award recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions and achievements of the nation's Top 25 diversity council groups that lead diversity processes in their organizations and have demonstrated results in their workforce, workplace and marketplace. The 2010 Annual Diversity Council Honors Award™ recipients include:

1. Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne
2. Cisco
3. Kaiser Permanente National Diversity Council
4. Boehringer Ingelheim USA Corporation
5. CSX
6. Wipro Technology
7. Cargill Women's Council
8. US Navy Strategic Diversity Working Group
9. Bayer Corporation
10. Prudential Financial
11. American Airlines
12. McDonald's USA West Division Diversity Council
13. Comcast Corporation
14. Siemens Energy, Inc
15. Harland Clarke Holdings, Corp.
16. Ameren
17. Best Buy
18. Pfizer Animal Health Diversity & Inclusion Council
19. Gannett Co., Inc – Leadership and Diversity Council
20. FedEx Freight Diversity Council
21. Diageo North America
22. Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System Diversity Council
23. Eastern Kentucky University
24. The Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory
25. Army & Air Force Exchange Service



A panel of independent judges evaluated applications submitted by council groups that have been in operation for at least two (2) years. Applicants were evaluated on contributions and achievements in four categories: Demonstrated Council Results; Demonstrated Management Commitment; Measurement and Accountability; Communication and Education. The Top 25 diversity councils will receive a Summary Report based on the information provided in their application. This data will include results for each of the 4 specific focus areas, and will provide them a statistical baseline upon which they may build. All applicants and reception attendees will receive a copy of the 2010 Report of Survey Findings and Innovative Operating Practices compiled from the Top 25 councils' applications.

Janice E. Bowman, President of the Association of Diversity Councils and host of this year's award reception, says, "The work of these top councils elevates the overall significance and value of all councils. The strategies, tactics, activities, commitments, results and achievements they have identified help to set the standard of excellence for diversity and inclusion councils on a national level, and provide inspiration for all who are on the front lines of diversity and inclusion everyday."

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