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Northern Virginia Urban League to Honor Business Leaders And Award Student Scholarships at Annual Dinner

Alexandria, VA – The Northern Virginia Urban League (NOVAUL) will host its 19th Annual Community Service & Scholarship Awards Dinner on Friday, April 24, 2009 at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia at 6:30 pm. The theme is “**Saluting Black Enterprise Magazine’s Top 100 Largest Black-Owned Businesses (in Northern Virginia)**”.

The League’s Annual Awards Dinner has become one of the most prestigious events recognizing community service, diversity, and scholarship in the metropolitan Washington, DC area. Over 800 guests are expected to attend the gala. **Eight businesses will be honored for Excellence in Leadership and \$50,000 in college scholarships will be awarded to 10 area high school minority students.**

Businesses to be honored include:

- **BMW of Sterling** - Thomas A. Moorehead
- **Brooks Food Group** - Robin C. Brooks
- **CMI Management Inc.** - Abe Abraham
- **Communication Technologies, Inc.** - Joseph E. Fergus
- **Infiniti of Chantilly** - Reginald L. Brown, Jr.
- **SENTEL** - Darrell L. Crapps
- **Thompson Hospitality** - Warren M. Thompson
- **UNITECH** - Earl W. Stafford

BMW of Sterling was founded in 2001 and is based in Sterling, VA. The company has become one of BMW of USA’s top performing franchises in unit sales and customer satisfaction nationwide. BMW of Sterling employs over 100 employees and generates over \$150M in annual sales

Brooks Food Group, Inc. was founded in 1995 and operates two food processing plants. The company is headquartered in Bedford, Virginia and has a second plant located in Monroe, North Carolina. Both plants process and market poultry, appetizers and specialty frozen foods that are sold to restaurant chains and the food service industry. The company employs over 325 employees and generates revenues annually in excess of \$101M.

CMI Management Inc. was founded in 1989 and is headquartered in Alexandria, VA. The company provides administrative support and facilities management services and employees more than 1,300 contract staff across the country. It has grown from an 8 (a) program graduate with a revenue base of \$3M a year to a corporation securing \$400M in management contracts.

Communication Technologies, Inc. (COMTEK) was founded in 1990 and is headquartered in Chantilly, VA. The company provides global telecommunication and network and broadcast services. It employs over 975 employees and generates annual revenues in excess of \$66M.

Infiniti of Chantilly was founded in 2005 and is located in Chantilly, VA. The company employs over 50 employees and generates annual revenues in excess of \$48M.

SENTEL is an engineering services company that is based in Alexandria, VA. The company was founded in 1987 and develops, tests, implements, and supports innovative technology that improves defense, enables communication, and protects lives. The company employs over 270 employees and generates annual revenues in excess of \$45M.

Thompson Hospitality was founded in 1992 and is headquartered in Herndon, VA. The company provides dining, restaurants, and facility management services and employs approximately 3,300 employees. Annual revenues are in excess of \$220M.

Unitech was founded in 1988 and has an international reputation for being a world leader in manufacturing and providing a complete portfolio of Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement Systems (MILES), range instrumentation and other force-on-force Tactical Engagement Simulation Systems (TESS) employed in advanced military training. The company was recently sold. Prior to the acquisition, Unitech was based in Centreville, VA, employed 450 employees, and generated annual revenues in excess of \$98M.

Michael Melton of TME Enterprises is the 2009 Dinner Chair, and remarked “The Northern Virginia Urban League is honored and proud to recognize the accomplishments of Black-Owned Businesses in Northern Virginia as these businesses exemplify the values of hard work and perseverance and continue to make a difference in their communities.”

In Partnership with the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce the following emerging businesses were selected to be award presenters to the BE 100 honorees:

- **The Adellsen Group** - Chasiti Dawson
- **EDJ Associates** - Angela Y. Moody
- **Global Business Network Association** - Micheal E.P. Davis
- **Invizion, Inc.** - Steven A. Johnson
- **Jerome & Brenda and Associates** - Lt. Colonel Jerome Johnson and Major Brenda Johnson
- **W&T Travel Services, LLC** - Darnell Lee and Alverta Lopez

Lavern Chatman, CEO of the Northern Virginia Urban League “ Even in this recession the business community has provided unprecedented support and the dinner has raised \$450,000 in sponsorships that will help the league continue our work in financial education, foreclosure prevention counseling, mentoring and youth after school programs.” Major sponsors include: *Alfred Street Baptist Church, ExxonMobil, The Stafford Foundation, Verizon, Southwest Airlines, Capital One, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Northrup Grumman, TME Enterprises, and Xerox.*

For more information about the Northern Virginia Urban League or the Annual Awards Dinner, call 703-836-2858 and/or visit online at **www.nvul.org**.

About NOVAUL

The Northern Virginia Urban League (NOVAUL) provides program services to African Americans, Latinos and other minorities and has reached hundreds of individuals and families with training and employment services, first-time home ownership counseling, college scholarships, mentoring initiatives, youth academic and life skills programs, financial education workshops and constituent advocacy. NOVAUL is one of 100 affiliates of the National Urban League, which was founded 99 years ago and has been charged with *Empowering Communities and Changing Lives.*