

## **CEO Inc in Nation's Top 500 Women-Owned and NC's Top 50 Diversity-Owned Businesses**

### **Charlotte -**

Charlotte - In recognition of the economic power of multicultural businesses, DiversityBusiness.com, the nations' leading multicultural B2B online portal, named CEO Inc. as one of the top 500 Women-Owned businesses in the United States and the top 50 diversity-owned businesses in North Carolina. The companies listed represent the top multicultural earners and challenge the long-held notion that a diversity-owned business is small or insignificant.

Diversity-owned businesses contribute over \$1.4 trillion in sales to the U.S. economy.

“Diversity businesses 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. “It’s no longer only about the Fortune 500, or the Fortune 500. This is a whole business segment that can carry its own, that provides jobs and valuable products and services, and generates wealth for their communities. These are the new leaders of American business.”

The winning companies will be honored at a special awards ceremony at DiversityBusiness.com’s 5th Annual Multicultural Business Conference, taking place March 30 - April 1 at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut.

Founded in 1994, CEO Inc. < [www.ceohr.com](http://www.ceohr.com) > is one of the only privately-owned Charlotte-area firms to offer a comprehensive array of human resources services within a broad spectrum of functional expertise in a wide variety of industries.

CEO Inc. is certified as a bona fide Women’s Business Enterprise by the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) and as a Women-Owned Business by the City of Charlotte Minority and Women Business Development Office. For more information please call 704-372-4701.

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