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THE RESULTS ARE IN...THE 2008 “MOST ADMIRED EMPLOYERS” FOR MINORITY PROFESSIONALS

(Baltimore, MD) June 16, 2008 - According to the 4th annual “Most Admired Employers” survey, IBM, Lockheed Martin Corporation, and Microsoft Corporation are recognized by minority engineers as the three best companies for which to work. Career Communications Group Inc., publisher of *US Black Engineer & Information Technology (USBE & IT)*, *Hispanic Engineer & Information Technology*, and *Women of Color* magazines, conducted the survey.

The survey had hundreds of respondents and consisted of 64 questions that were given to Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians, blacks, and others in the fields of science, engineering, and information technology, as well as a sample group of nontechnical professionals. Results indicated that strong corporate ethics, ample learning opportunities, and an excellent benefits package were the most desired characteristics in a job, painting a clear picture of what minority employees look for, and which employers are leading the way in attracting top minority talent.

In the 2008 “Most Admired Employers” survey, some 97 percent of our respondents were over the age of 21, with equal concentrations in the ranges 22-30, 31-40, and 41-50. Women accounted for 51 percent of respondents, and 53.6 percent earned between \$50,000 and \$99,000. The greatest proportion of respondents came from engineering and information technology fields and had more than ten years of experience. Many had been working for their current employers for more than five years.

“We believe these results will give diversity champions new insight into the thinking of minority professionals, or affirm and document what they already know,” says Tyrone D. Taborn, Publisher and CEO of Career Communications Group, Inc.

According to the survey, there are 70 companies for which minorities would like to work. IBM Corporation, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Microsoft Corporation, Procter & Gamble Company, General Electric Company, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Booz Allen Hamilton, Raytheon Company, Walt Disney, and Johnson & Johnson make up the top ten Most Admired Employers for 2008.

USBE & IT magazine will salute the most admired companies in the Careers’ Edition of the magazine in October 2008. Please visit www.blackengineer.com for more information.

Career Communications Group, Inc. (CCG) produces the National Women of Color STEM Conference and BEYA STEM Global Competitiveness Conference. In addition, CCG publishes *US Black Engineer & Information Technology*, *Women of Color*, and *Hispanic Engineer & Information Technology* magazines.

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