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AZUMANO TRAVEL RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS A TOP DIVERSITY BUSINESS, RANKS #1 IN OREGON

PORTLAND, OREGON (January 26, 2009)— In recognition of the economic power of multicultural businesses, DiversityBusiness.com, the nation's leading multicultural internet site, recently named Azumano Travel as one of the top businesses in the United States. Azumano ranked #39 in the nation among diversity-owned business and #9 in the nation among Asian-Pacific American businesses. Azumano ranked #1 among diversity-owned businesses in the State of Oregon.

This is the 9th annual listing of the nation's top businesses by DiversityBusiness.com.. The companies listed on the Top Business Lists represent the nation's top multicultural earners and challenge the long-held notion that a diversity-owned business is small or insignificant. Winners are sought after by major corporations wishing to increase spending with diversity owned companies.

"Diversity entrepreneurs 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."

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“It is an honor to be recognized once again as a Top Diversity Business by this leading multi-cultural group that embodies the entrepreneurial spirit and performs an invaluable service as an exchange platform to facilitate contacts and communication among its members,” said Azumano president and CEO Sho Dozono.

The winning companies will be honored at a special awards ceremony at DiversityBusiness.com’s “9th Annual Multicultural Business Conference,” taking place April 29-May 1, 2009 at Disney’s Contemporary Resort in Orlando, Florida. For the complete list of winning companies, please visit: www.diversitybusiness.com

About The List

This List is a classification that represents the top small 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, small and women-owned businesses use the List. The List 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.

About Azumano Travel

Azumano Travel was founded in 1949 in Portland, Oregon, and is a member of the American Express Representative Travel Network. The company has offices in Portland, Beaverton, Tigard, Salem, Corvallis and Eugene in Oregon; Vancouver, Washington; and an office in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information about Azumano Travel, please visit www.azumanotravel.com.

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