



The **Mash** Group

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ST. LOUIS BASED MASH GROUP HOLDINGS, LLC NAMED TO TOP BUSINESS LIST FOR 2009!

SAINT LOUIS, MO - In recognition of the economic power of privately held businesses, DiversityBusiness.com, the nations' leading business-to-business internet site, has named St. Louis based Mash Group Holdings, LLC as one of the top privately held businesses in the United States.

This is the 9th annual listing of United States and Missouri 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 privately held business is small or insignificant. Winners are sought after by major corporations wishing to increase spending with small businesses.

"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."

"The Mash Group is thrilled and honored to be recognized by Diversity Business.com and awarded this very prestigious award', said Kenneth W. Jones, President & CEO of Mash Group Holdings, LLC. "This coveted award is a testament to the hard work of our owners, employees and partners in support of our clients around the world, and progresses the Mash Group's Vision of global tradeshow market leader". In 2008, The Mash Group received the American Management Association (AMA) Excellence Award for its work on AT&T Focus. In December 2008, The Mash Group was awarded "MBE of the Year" award by the St. Louis Minority Business Council.

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.

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 the Disney's Contemporary Resort in Orlando, Florida. For the complete list of winning companies, please visit: www.diversitybusiness.com

About The Mash Group

The Mash Group is majority owned by A2K, Holdings, LLC, a management and investment firm located in the Clayton Business District. The St. Louis, Missouri based global exhibit, event marketing and full service tradeshow management firm has achieved rapid growth and sales expansion since its acquisition by A2K Holdings, LLC in March 2006. The Mash Group is a Minority Business Enterprise having received its MBE certification from the St. Louis Minority Business Council in November 2006.

The Mash Group promises lasting impressions in corporate communications and marketing. The Mash Group creative team draws on expertise in all facets of event planning, exhibit design, and production to create imaginative results with single source accountability.

About DiversityBusiness.com

Launched in 1999, DiversityBusiness, with over 46,000 members, 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. DiversityBusiness provides research and data collection services for diversity including the "Top 50 Organizations for Multicultural Business Opportunities", "Top 500 Diversity Owned Companies in America", and others. Its research has been recognized and published by Forbes Magazine, Business Week and thousands of other print and internet publications. The site has gained national recognition and has won numerous awards for its content and design. It is a leading provider of Supplier Diversity management tools and has the most widely distributed Diversity magazine in the United States. DiversityBusiness.com is produced by Computer Consulting Associates International Inc. (CCAii.com) of Southport, CT. Founded in 1980.

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