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**National Black MBA Association
announces new Board of Directors**

CHICAGO (March 15, 2006) – The National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) today announced the election of four new board members to serve on its 10-person board from January 2006 through December 2008. The board helps set goals and provides insight and leadership to the national organization. Board members, lead by National Chair Alvin Brown, represent a broad range of industries and bring with them diverse experience and expertise.

New to the NBMBA Board of Directors are:

- **Charles Boggness**
Boggness, a Certified Public Accountant, is a consultant with Next Age Consulting, a management strategy and technology consulting firm. He has also been certified as an Information Systems Auditor and has counseled Fortune 500 corporations in systems design and implementation. Boggness has held a variety of financial, strategic planning, and executive positions at the Walt Disney Company, *The New York Times*, Price Waterhouse Coopers, IBM and Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. He is a committed life-time member of the NBMBA, who joined the association while a student in 1990 and has actively contributed to the organization consistently during his 15 year membership. During the years Boggness served as VP of Finance and VP of Administration of the Westchester/Greater Connecticut chapter, the chapter was awarded Chapter of the Year. He went on to serve as Chapter President and has been instrumental in corporate partner relations on major accounts. He has served as a member of the NBMBA National Strategic Planning Committee since 2001.
- **Thomas Dortch, Jr.**
Dortch is Chairman Emeritus of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. and Chairman and CEO of TWD, Inc., a consulting firm with an emphasis on business development, public relations, and fundraising. In 1978, Dortch began working in the U.S. Senate providing technical assistance at conferences, meetings, and public hearings. In 1990, he became the State Director and served as Chief Administrator over five field offices and one state office. He was the first African-American to serve in this capacity for the United States Senate. Some of his other accomplishments include: establishing the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc.; co-founding the Georgia Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (GAME); and co-founding the Greater Atlanta Economic Alliance. Dortch is involved in a number of social and civic endeavors including:

the national Drug Free Communities Act Advisory Commission, the Sickle Cell foundation of Georgia, the Black/Jewish Coalition, and the National Assault on Illiteracy Board. He has appeared on C-SPAN, the “Montel Williams Show,” Talk Back Atlanta and CNN. In 2004 issue of *Ebony Magazine* and the 2004 publication of *The Atlanta Business Chronicle*, Dortch was listed as one of the 100 most influential Black leaders.

- **Audrey Hines**

Hines serves as Vice President and Secretary of family owned business, NPURSUIT, Inc. She recently retired from a 32-year corporate career and formed Dillard Hines and Associates, a human resources and diversity consulting business. Her career has centered primarily on human resources and diversity, with experience in the following industries: banking, economic research, medical diagnostic imaging and consumer package goods. Her retirement from Mars, Inc. was preceded by employment with PepsiCo, Picker International, Predicasts, Inc., the American Bankers Association and Equitable Trust Bank. Hines’ other community and professional affiliations include the YWCA of Greater Atlanta, Children’s Museum of Atlanta, the League of Women Voters, the Links, Inc., Leadership Atlanta, and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

- **William Wells, Jr.**

Wells is the President of W. Wells & Associates, which provides management consulting services in diversity, human resources, organizational development and staffing. Throughout his career, Wells has held numerous executive level positions, including his most recent assignment as VP, Global Diversity for the St. Paul Companies. Prior to that, he held positions in the telecommunications and educational consulting industries. During that time, he received numerous awards including the Chairman’s Leadership Award – Diversity Champions, Corporate Innovation Award, Outstanding Achiever in Business & Industry and Outstanding MBA of the Year. Wells has served as a public speaker for national, regional and local programs. One of his key accomplishments is the design and development of the Minnesota Boulevard Consortium, which is comprised of a number of local organizations including Fortune 500 corporations and graduate business schools. He currently serves on a number of local boards. Additionally, he serves as an executive mentor for both the full-time MBA program at the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management and the Mentium 100 Program.

About the NMBAA

Established in 1970, the National Black MBA Association is dedicated to creating partnerships that result in increased intellectual and economic wealth in the black community through education, employment and entrepreneurship. With more than 6,000 members representing 100,000 MBA graduates in 39 chapters around the country, the NMBAA has strategic partnerships with more than 400 of the country’s top business corporations, organizations, universities and colleges. The group’s 2006 annual conference and career fair, the nation’s largest employment and networking event, will be held in Atlanta, Sept. 26 – Oct. 1. For additional information, visit www.nbmbaa.org.

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