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**Monster.com ranks National Black MBA Association
a top African American professional organization**

CHICAGO (April 16, 2006) – Monster.com, part of Monster Worldwide, Inc., recognized the National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) as one of the top twenty-one professional groups for African Americans. In an article on the site, Monster.com encouraged job seekers to utilize and join professional organizations like the NBMBA.

Monster.com, the leading global careers website, featured the NBMBA, the country's largest minority business professional organization, as a top professional association for blacks alongside a number of influential organizations, including the 100 Black Men of America, the National Association of Black Journalists, and the National Society of Black Engineers. Headquartered in Maynard, Mass., Monster connects quality job seekers at all levels with leading employees across all industries.

"We are pleased that Monster.com regards the NBMBA as a top black professional organization," said NBMBA President and CEO Barbara Thomas. "We hope that the recruiters, job seekers, Corporate America, and business schools continue utilizing us as a valuable resource for job information, job matching, and job placement."

In its 36th year, the NBMBA has more than 6,000 members and 39 chapters across the country and represents more than 100,000 black MBA graduates. Aimed at creating partnerships resulting in increased intellectual wealth and economic vitality in the black community, the organization focuses on education, employment and entrepreneurship.

NBMBA continues to form strategic partnerships with the country's leading *Fortune 500* companies, business corporations, organizations, universities and colleges.

An expected 13,000+ attendees are scheduled to attend the NBMBA's 28th Annual Conference & Exposition in Atlanta from September 26th through October 1st. Last year's conference featured one of the country's largest career fairs with more than 350 *Fortune 500* in attendance. The annual conference offers participants job matching and networking opportunities, a series of professional development workshops, and career coaching.

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In addition to the conference, the NMBBAA has a multitude of program offerings. Recently, the NMBBAA took its Local Empowerment Initiative (LEI) to Dallas, Tex. Keynote speaker and bestselling author Stedman Graham presented from his “You Can Make It Happen” workshop. The LEI included a career fair, free GMAT preparation courses to college students in attendance, and the awarding of \$22,000 in grants to students from the Dallas area who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina through their Student Empowerment Relief Fund (SERF). The NMBBAA has contributed more than \$90,000 to SERF since its beginning in September 2005.

The NMBBAA’s leader, Ms. Thomas, was recently praised by *Ebony* magazine, the number one magazine catering to African-Americans in the U.S. They laud Ms. Thomas in their May 2006 issue’s annual *100+ Most Influential Black Americans* as one of the nation’s top organization leaders. Ms. Thomas has also spoken at several business schools, including Harvard Business School, Stanford Graduate School of Business, and the Duke University Fuqua School of Business, in the first quarter of this year.

About the NMBBAA

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 NMBBAA 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, September 26th through October 1st.

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