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## **Dataline Named “Number One Small Business in Virginia” by DiversityBusiness.com**

*DiversityBusiness.com recognizes Dataline among top diversity-owned businesses in the U.S.*

NORFOLK, VA. – Dataline, Inc., a Norfolk-based information technology systems integrator for the commercial and government business sectors, announced today that it has been named “Number One Small Business in Virginia” by DiversityBusiness.com, the nation’s leading multicultural B2B online portal. Dataline was also recognized as a top small business in the U.S., and ranked among top woman-owned and diversity-owned businesses in Virginia and in the country.

“Dataline is thrilled to receive recognition as a leading diversity owned business,” said Denise Robinson, president of Dataline, Inc. “This is a tremendous accomplishment for us and indicates our significance both in Virginia and across the nation.”

DiversityBusiness.com’s Div500 is the annual listing of the nation’s top 500 diversity-owned (women, Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Native American and other minority groups) businesses in the U.S. The companies named on the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Div500 lists represent the top multicultural earners by state and across the nation.

For the 2005’s Div500 listing, DiversityBusiness.com ranked Dataline:

- #1 Small Business in Virginia
- #26 Small Business in U.S.
- #2 Woman-owned Business in Virginia
- #31 Woman-owned Business in U.S.
- #3 Diversity-owned Business in Virginia
- #70 Diversity-owned Business in U.S.
- #9 Hispanic-owned Business in U.S.

“The Div500 companies are the heroes of diversity-owned business in America,” said Kenton Clarke, CEO of Computer Consulting Associates International, the company that built DiversityBusiness.com. “These are the people that have conquered the hurdles and made the sacrifices, building and strengthening their communities, providing jobs and helping to keep the fabric of the U.S. economy together.”

The winning companies will be honored at an awards program DiversityBusiness.com’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Business Conference, taking place March 29-31, 2006 at the MGM Mirage in Las Vegas, Nevada. For the complete list of winning companies, visit: [www.diversitybusiness.com](http://www.diversitybusiness.com)



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**About Dataline:**

Dataline, Inc. is an information technology systems integrator that specializes in delivering customized, creative IT solutions for customers in the commercial and government sectors. Dataline was founded in 1990 and employs more than 440 professionals in its corporate offices in Norfolk, Va., and satellite offices throughout the United States. For additional information, visit [www.dataline.com](http://www.dataline.com).

**About DiversityBusiness.com:**

Launched in 1999, with over 30,000 members DiversityBusiness.com 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. Members use the sites technology to find and track new business opportunities. It also produces the country's largest conference on diversity education and training for major corporations and small business. Its research on top businesses appears in Fortune, Forbes and numerous magazines and media publications. The site has gained national recognition and has won numerous awards for its content and design. DiversityBusiness.com is produced by Computer Consulting Associates International Inc. (CCAii.com) of Southport, CT. CCA was founded in 1980 by CEO Kenton Clarke.

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