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International Truck Dealer Among Top Diversity-Owned Businesses

K. Neal International of Maryland Named to List of Top 500 Diversity-Owned Businesses

Hyattsville, Md. (April 17, 2009)—K. Neal International, an International® truck dealer, has been named to DiversityBusiness.com's Div500, the 9th annual listing of the nation's top 500 diversity-owned businesses. DiversityBusiness.com is the nation's leading multicultural business Web site.

With revenues ranging from $20 million to more than $2 billion, the companies listed on the Div500 represent the nation's top multicultural earners and challenge the long-held notion that diversity-owned businesses are small or insignificant.

The 9th Annual Multicultural Awards Ceremony and Conference is taking place April 29 – May 1, 2009 at Disney's Contemporary resort in Orlando, Florida.

"We are honored to have K. Neal International selected as one of the top 500 diversity-owned businesses in America," said Stephen W. Neal, president and CEO of K. Neal International Trucks, Inc. "For more than 29 years, our business has proudly served the Washington D.C. metropolitan market. K. Neal has a talented team of dedicated and diverse staff members. Together, we are second to none in our ability to provide comprehensive transportation solutions to our customers and a vibrant workplace for our associates."

"Stephen Neal is clearly committed to growing the business and representing the International brand in the metro D.C. market," said John Whitnell, Navistar vice president, dealer operations. "The growth in all aspects of K. Neal International's business demonstrates that they are the dealership of choice

for customers in this important market.”

Beyond his role as dealer principal of K. Neal International, Stephen Neal is committed to ensure his business is heavily involved in the community. K. Neal International is a strategic partner of the Workforce Services Division of the Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation. Through this partnership, Neal helped launch an on-the-job diesel mechanic training program for at-risk county residents. This program provides trainees with an opportunity to change their lives by developing marketable job skills and earning livable wages and benefits.

“We applaud Stephen and the K. Neal team for their dedication to the community and their ongoing commitment to outstanding customer service,” added Whitnell.

Neal has been recognized numerous times as an industry leader. In July 2008, he received Prince George’s County’s Trailblazer Award, honoring his contributions to the trucking industry. In November 2008, Neal received a Top 100 Minority Business Award which recognizes outstanding women and minority business owners in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. In April 2009, Neal was selected from more than 150 nominations to be named one of this year's 25 CEOs You Need to Know. And, Neal is also to receive an honor in May as "Small Business Owner of the Year" from Light Up Washington.

About K. Neal International Trucks, Inc.
K. Neal International Trucks, Inc. is a full-service commercial truck and bus dealership headquartered in Hyattsville, Maryland. The dealership has additional locations in Gaithersburg, Maryland and in Lorton, Virginia. The dealership represents International trucks, Cummins and Caterpillar engines and Alison transmissions. K. Neal is the largest seller of IC Bus school buses

in Maryland. K. Neal Idealease, Inc., an affiliate of Idealease, Inc., provides full-service truck leasing and rental services throughout the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Additional information is available at www.knealinternational.com.

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