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Innovative Office Solutions Named 2009 Jackie Robinson “Most Valuable Diverse Business Partner” by Minnesota Twins and Major League Baseball

Award recognizes excellence among minority- and women-owned business partners

BURNSVILLE, MINN. (April 23, 2009) – Innovative Office Solutions, official office supply provider to the Minnesota Twins, has been selected for the 2009 Jackie Robinson “Most Valuable Diverse Business Partner” (MVDDBP) Award by the Minnesota Twins and Major League Baseball (MLB). The award recognizes proactive leadership, commitment to sound business practices, quality product, efficiency, reliability and accountability as key attributes in its recipients.

In 1998, MLB Commissioner, Allan H. (Bud) Selig, authorized the creation of the Diverse Business Partner program, a business initiative established to cultivate new and existing partnerships with minority- and women-owned businesses by increasing opportunities for them to participate in the procurement activities of MLB.

“Working with the Minnesota Twins and Major League Baseball is both fun and rewarding, and we’re honored to be recognized by this award among our peers in the Diverse Business Partner program,” said Jennifer Smith, CEO of Innovative Office Solutions. “Innovative Office Solutions strives for excellence with our ‘Relationships Matter’ approach to customer service, and we look forward to continuing to work with the Minnesota Twins.”

Smith accepted the award and threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Metrodome in downtown Minneapolis as MLB celebrated Jackie Robinson Day on April 15, 2009, the 62nd anniversary of his courageous trot onto the field as the first African-American to play in the Major Leagues.



Smith established Innovative Office Solutions in 2001, and has grown the organization into a multimillion dollar office supply company. She has more than 20 years of experience in the office supply industry and is involved in many business organizations including the Women’s Professional Organization and Women’s Business Enterprise National Council. She is currently involved with the mentor program for the Women Venture Organization and is serving a three-year term on the Dealer Advisory Board of United Stationers.

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