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Renard Communications receives New Hampshire Champion of Diversity media award

Manchester, NH, November 16, 2002 – New Hampshire Champions of Diversity has named Renard Communications of Springfield, NJ, publisher of *Diversity/Careers in Engineering & Information Technology* magazine, a New Hampshire Champion of Diversity in the media category. The magazine's editorial office is located in South Tamworth, NH; Kate Colborn, editor in chief, and her assistant, Kathleen Lancor, oversee all the editorial content of the magazine from that location. The company headquarters are in Springfield, NJ.

The presentation was made on November 15th at the inaugural gala of the New Hampshire Champions of Diversity organization. The awards and the organization were created by the 1999 class of Leadership New Hampshire, a ten-year-old program that grooms selected New Hampshire citizens to tackle significant statewide issues. The LNH class of 1999 chose the changing character of the population of New Hampshire as its focus, and created the awards gala to increase awareness of diversity issues throughout the state.

The superintendent of schools in the neighboring town of Moultonborough, NH nominated Renard Communications for the award. The company was recognized for its “commitment to embracing diversity and elevating the value of human diversity in New Hampshire” because of its coverage of employees at companies with local operations, including Verizon, Fleet Bank and BAE Systems. The magazine has also been involved with area schools through school-to-work and other programs.

Besides Renard Communications, award winners included Lionel Johnson, who led the twenty-year fight to establish Martin Luther King day as a state holiday in New Hampshire; T.J. Wheeler, a New Hampshire blues musician who uses his music to raise awareness of diverse cultures in the state; Valerie Cunningham, developer of the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail; and Hank Mallory, a retired executive who works to resettle Somalian youth in the state.

Diversity/Careers is a national niche magazine that is read by engineers and information technology/computer professionals who are part of the diverse workforce: women, African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, gay/lesbian individuals or people with disabilities. Six issues a year are aimed at experienced professionals, and two are directed to college students. Each issue of the magazine includes many interviews with minorities and women who have had successful careers in technology. The articles are intended to give both information and encouragement to others starting or developing their careers in technical fields.

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