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**Tulsa Business Executive, John Johnson
Receives Master Merger and Acquisition Intermediary Designation**

Chicago, Illinois – The M&A Source, Chicago, IL, announces it has conferred John Johnson of Tulsa, Oklahoma its prestigious designation as Master Merger & Acquisition Intermediary (MMAI) during its Educational Conference and Mid Market Buyer EXPO in New Orleans, LA, June 9 – 15, 2002.

The M&A Source, a specialty division of the International Business Broker's Association (IBBA), is the world's largest international organization of experienced, dedicated merger and acquisition intermediaries representing the middle market. The MMAI designation is awarded to intermediaries who have proven professional excellence through verified transaction experience, education, earned certification as a business intermediary (CBI), and peer review. Johnson's designation demonstrates exemplary commitment and experience as a professional M&A intermediary.

Since 1991, the M&A Source has addressed professional issues of merger and acquisition specialists. The organization has over 200 cooperating intermediaries active in middle-market transactions across the U.S., roundtables, deal making expos and other support, all specific to M&A specialists.

“The MMAI is a true mark of distinction that helps business owners in selecting advisors for their M&A transactions. I have put the education to use for my clients and have seen the payoff”, said Johnson. “Through the M&A Source, the MMAI is setting the standard for professional intermediaries.”

Mr. Johnson is President of Bluestem Resources Group and has devoted his professional career to assisting buyers and sellers of businesses. Johnson is seasoned in acquisitions, sales and asset management with over 20 years of experience and has managed over \$50 million in transactions value since the mid 1990's.

Additional information is available from John Johnson by telephoning 918-749-4315. He is available to the news media as a source of information or comments regarding acquisitions, sales, and mergers of closely held business and the market for them.

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