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**St. Louis Minority Business Council President & CEO James Webb
Recognized as one of the Top Minority Business Leaders in St. Louis**
St. Louis Business Journal Names Webb a "Most Influential Minority Business Leader"

ST. LOUIS, MO. August 25, 2008 – The St. Louis Minority Business Council (SLMBC) today announced that President and CEO, James Webb, has been recognized as a "Most Influential Minority Business Leader" by the *St. Louis Business Journal*.

Webb was recognized by the publication for promoting diversity among St. Louis businesses, large and small. Under Webb's leadership, the Council has helped partner small minority-owned businesses with large corporations, to help foster growth in the minority-owned business community.

"St. Louis has a tremendous minority-owned business presence," said Webb. "At the Council, we have an ongoing commitment to help grow minority businesses so they can add workforce and compete for larger, more lucrative projects, something that is good for the entire St. Louis region."

The *St. Louis Business Journal* award recognizes ethnic minorities who are making their mark on the St. Louis business community. Webb will have a profile in the September 12 issue of the *St. Louis Business Journal* and will be recognized at a luncheon with other honorees that day at the St. Louis Hyatt Regency, Union Station.

About The St. Louis Minority Business Council:

The St. Louis Minority Business Council (SLMBC) is one of 39 regional councils affiliated with the National Minority Supplier Development Council. During SLMBC's 33-year existence, the organization has remained at the heart of the St. Louis region's economic growth. What started as a focus on partnering minority-owned businesses with area corporations has evolved into a long-term, strategic approach – one in which SLMBC provides ongoing growth opportunities, financial support and training and education for its corporate members and for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs). Through these and other efforts, SLMBC's partnerships with corporations and MBEs have become an integral part of the region's economic stability and growth.