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COLLINS CONSULTING NAMED SBA SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

SCHAUMBURG, IL - Today, Robert Collins, President and founder of Collins Consulting, Inc., was notified by his nominator and mentor, IBM Corporation, that Collins Consulting, Inc. has been awarded the honor of SBA Subcontractor of the Year for Region 5. This award will be presented in Orlando, Florida in May 2004. Being selected as Region 5 Subcontractor of the Year automatically places Collins in consideration for the prestigious SBA National Subcontractor of the Year Award.

Collins Consulting, Inc. was founded in April 1992. Collins started by initially offering IT staffing support but since has grown into a broad skilled staffing firm with national exposure employing over 150 consultants. Collins entered the federal arena in the spring of 2002 as a subcontractor to IBM Corporation. Since that time Collins' Federal business has grown to be approximately 35% of all of its revenue.

Mr. Collins is a Service-Disabled Veteran who served with the U.S. Marine Corps in Viet Nam. He has since become a staunch disabled veteran and veteran business advocate. Collins Consulting, Inc. has an active supplier diversity program that focuses on locating and establishing business relationships with not just veteran owned companies but all diversity owned companies.

IBM Corporation has also included Collins Consulting, Inc. as a participant in its' Commercial Mentoring Program. This participation has allowed Collins Consulting, Inc. to gain valuable business knowledge and exposure from direct involvement with large federal prime contractors.