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## **Army & Air Force Exchange Service Recognized as a Leader in Corporate Diversity**

**Newark, N.J.** – In its sixth successful year of empirically and objectively demonstrating corporate-diversity success, the nation's most credible business list for diversity was released today. DiversityInc announced The 2006 Top 50 Companies for Diversity, and the nine specialty lists, including the 25 Noteworthy Companies.

These Noteworthy Companies are not ranked and are listed in alphabetical order below. To become a Noteworthy Company, a company must demonstrate strong diversity management in the four areas measured—CEO commitment, human capital, corporate communications and supplier diversity—and have the potential to make the Top 50 list in the future.

A total of 256 companies, a 100 percent increase over the last three years, competed for a spot on the Top 50. The list of Top 50 winners was announced today on [www.DiversityInc.com](http://www.DiversityInc.com). A more detailed analysis of the winners and the results, including the 25 Noteworthy Companies, will be featured in the June issue of *DiversityInc* magazine.

### **Top 25 Noteworthy Companies**

- Accenture
- Army & Air Force Exchange (AAFES)
- AstraZeneca
- AT&T
- Comcast
- Cummins
- Eastman Kodak
- EMC Corp
- Genetech
- Herman Miller
- Hyatt
- Kellogg
- KeyBank
- KPMG
- McDonald's
- New York Life Insurance Co.
- Pepco Holdings
- Pepsi Bottling Group
- Procter & Gamble
- Sandia National Laboratories

- Southern California Edison
- TXU
- Wal-Mart
- Warner Bros.
- Xerox

“DiversityInc’s recognition confirms that the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is leading the way in maintaining a workplace where every associate can leverage their different thoughts, perceptions, talents and skills to meet the diverse military community’s needs,” said AAFES’ Director of Diversity Jeanne McDonald. “Beyond fostering an atmosphere where every associate can excel, AAFES is also leveraging a diverse supplier base to open up a broad range of business opportunities in an effort to ultimately enhance the exchange benefit America’s troops have come to depend on.”

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### **About AAFES**

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is a joint command of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, and is directed by a Board of Directors who is responsible to the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force through the Service Chiefs of Staff. AAFES has the dual mission of providing authorized patrons with articles of merchandise and services and of generating non-appropriated fund earnings as a supplemental source of funding for military Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs. To find out more about AAFES' history and mission or to view recent press releases please visit our Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/pa/default.asp>.

### **About DiversityInc Magazine**

*DiversityInc* is a monthly business magazine published by DiversityInc Media LLC, a privately owned company with no outside investors. Launched in 2002 as an extension of DiversityInc.com, *DiversityInc* magazine and its daily news site are the nation’s leading sources of information for cutting-edge knowledge of the business case for diversity. *DiversityInc* magazine offers readers more in-depth articles and substantive analysis, building on the company’s history as the premier expert on reporting and analyzing diversity issues and their impact on U.S. society and business.