

Local minority business named among Ohio's top 100

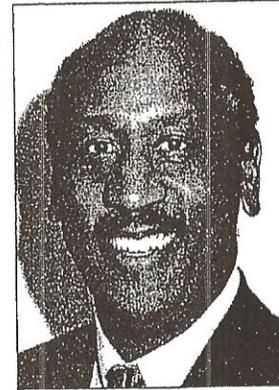
In recognition of the economic power of multicultural businesses, DiversityBusiness.com, the nation's largest multicultural internet site, recently named World Pac Paper, LLC as one of the "Top 100 women and minority-owned businesses in the state of Ohio (DIV100)".

World Pac Paper is a certified MBE, that is a national distributor of high quality printing and packaging

papers serving corporate clients, commercial printers, catalogers, book and magazine publishers, integrated and independent corrugated converters, folding carton/rigid box manufacturers, tube winders, laminators and paper converters.

The DIV100 is the 7th annual listing of Ohio's top 100 women and minority-owned business. Ranging in revenue size from \$1,000,000.00 to over \$585,000,000.00, the companies listed on the Div100 represent Ohio's top multicultural earners and challenge the long-held notion that a minority-owned business is small or insignificant. Div100 members are sought after by major corporations wishing to increase spending with diversity owned companies.

Edgar L. Smith, Jr., CEO of World Pac Paper, LLC said "minority-owned businesses represent one of the nation's fastest-growing business segments. They have assumed an increasingly important role in economic growth. As a result, more leading companies are implanting supplier diversity programs. Many customers prefer it. Stakeholders/shareholders expect it.



Edgar L. Smith

Communities need it."

The DIV100 is a classification that represents the top 100 diversity-owned (Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Native Indian, Women and other minority groups) businesses in Ohio, in sectors such as technology, manufacturing, food service and professional services. Large organizational buyers throughout the country that do business with multicultural and women-owned businesses use the list. The DIV100 is produced annually by DiversityBusiness.com, the nation's leading multicultural

B2B Internet portal that links organizational buyers to multicultural product and service suppliers.

"All of us at World Pac Paper, LLC are pleased to receive this distinctive award. We look forward to sharing this experience with the other recipients at the upcoming ceremony" said Smith.

The winning companies were honored at a special awards ceremony at DiversityBusiness.com's "7th Annual Multicultural Business Conference," earlier this month in Las Vegas.

Smith adds that "companies need to continue to engage and support the diversity supplier community, not only for the benefit of their supplier base, but also for the ultimate success of their own businesses. Success in my mind is not defined by conducting business with the same network of suppliers, partners, and customers time and again. Success, I feel, is realized by branching out and investing in diversity, resulting in a future competitive edge. A diverse supplier base makes good business sense."