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## COMMWORLD of Kansas City Enters Its 25<sup>th</sup> Year in Business

*Kansas City's Leading  
Telecommunications Provider Has  
Much to Celebrate*

KANSAS CITY, MO — October 31, 2005 — **COMMWORLD** of Kansas City, an industry leader in telecommunications, announced today that the company is entering its 25<sup>th</sup> year in business. **COMMWORLD** has become a fixture in Kansas City's business community by building a reputation for meeting the voice and data needs of some of the region's most successful organizations.

As **COMMWORLD** enters its silver anniversary the company has much to celebrate including several significant achievements that occurred within the past year. One of the year's highlights just recently came after a rigorous selection process when **COMMWORLD** became one of only nine companies accepted into the highly regarded Helzberg Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program (HEMP). Inspired by his twenty-three year mentoring relationship with Ewing Kauffman, Barnett Helzberg, Jr., former owner and President of Helzberg Diamonds, founded the program in 1995. Components of the program include a one-on-one mentoring relationship, networking opportunities with peers and veteran business owners, exposure to mentoring skills that can be applied to any professional or personal situation, and business education discussing the greatest successes and lessons learned from peers and top CEOs in the community. HEMP is dedicated to

strengthening entrepreneurial leaders through excellence in mentoring.

Additionally in 2005, Linda Bennett, Vice President of **COMMWORLD** and the significant other of the extremely successful husband and wife team, received the "Women Who Mean Business Award" from the Kansas City Business Journal. Only twenty-five Kansas City businesswomen were selected for this annual award. Criteria for the award include outstanding business accomplishments, challenges met and overcome, and contributions to the Kansas City community.

Furthermore, Technology Assurance Group (TAG), which is a national organization of independently owned telecommunication companies, selected **COMMWORLD** of Kansas City as the winner of their 2005 "Outstanding Sales Performance Award" and "Financial Circle Award" for exceptional economic performance and superior customer satisfaction. **COMMWORLD** was highlighted as one of the nation's leading telecommunications companies during a special awards ceremony at TAG's National Convention held in San Diego last March. "In 2004, **COMMWORLD** outperformed and surpassed many of the best companies in the business," said Dale Johnson, president of TAG. "**COMMWORLD**'s customer oriented focus fueled the company's overall success. They provided their customers with state-of-the-art technology giving businesses of all sizes a competitive advantage and improved profitability."

Last but not least, **COMMWORLD** kicked off 2005 with

a bang by being one of twenty-five businesses to receive Kansas City Small Business Monthly's annual "25 Under 25 Award." Recipients of the award must have been operating for at least three years and have demonstrated consistent growth, fostered a culture of giving back to the community and shown an ability to overcome obstacles. **COMMWORLD** accepted the award at a gala in February where the theme for the evening was "Celebrating Small Business: The Soul of Kansas City."

"Linda and I are extremely proud of the many accomplishments this year," said Bob Bennett, President of **COMMWORLD**. "Each award that we received was a great honor and is a testament to the dedication of our most important asset - our dedicated employees. The **COMMWORLD** team has built this company into a leading organization by fulfilling our customers' needs and ensuring that their investment in the telecommunications solutions that we offer increases their profitability and gives them a competitive advantage in the marketplace. We're excited about reaching our 25<sup>th</sup> year in business and we expect great things to come."

### ABOUT COMMWORLD OF KANSAS CITY

**COMMWORLD** of Kansas City has been providing superior business telephone system products and services to the Kansas City area since 1981. **COMMWORLD** specializes in the most reliable, high quality telecommunications products from the leaders in technology -- Toshiba, ESI,

Samsung and SBC to name a few. Bennett stated, "Customers no longer need to be frustrated with multiple contacts. Our 'one point of contact' concept means your business can come to **COMM**WORLD for full service IP

connectivity, converged systems, local/long distance service, audio/video conference service/equipment, voice processing and more. With **COMM**WORLD you get the best of the best." **COMM**WORLD of Kansas

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