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**Oklahoma M&A Intermediary John C. Johnson, CBI, MMAI
Receives International Association's Premier Award for Service**

Chicago – John C. Johnson, CBI, MMAI, President of Bluestem Resources Group, Tulsa, Oklahoma, received the International Business Brokers Association's (IBBA) distinguished Tom West Award during its Conference and Educational Program in California. The Tom West Award is IBBA's highest honor and is awarded annually to one member to recognize their exceptional contributions in promoting the goals and ethics of the IBBA and the business brokerage profession.

Johnson's innovative reorganization and initiatives have directly contributed to IBBA's recognition and support through its esteemed M&A Source, the largest international association of middle market merger and acquisitions intermediaries. Johnson, a Past President of the IBBA, was Chairman of the M&A Source during 2002.

IBBA, the world's largest association exclusively for entities active in business brokerage and mergers and acquisitions, has more than 1,200 active intermediaries across Canada, Mexico, Asia, Europe and the United States. The leading association for business intermediaries, IBBA advances professional development, educates potential clients as to the value of broker services and promotes the highest ethical conduct. It sponsors national educational programs and conferences, and collaborates with local organizations in grass roots programs to benefit business communities across the country.

Johnson, cited for robust and stalwart service, initiated enhancements to M&A Source's educational, marketing and outreach programs during his term as M&A Source Chair. His innovations, programs and dedication to the Source have placed it among the most esteemed organizations in the M&A intermediary profession.

IBBA's Tom West Award is named after its founder and first president, Thomas L. West, who is credited with its early growth and developing the organization and the stature of the profession. West, is a legendary expert and nationally recognized advocate for the profession.

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Additional information is available from John Johnson by telephoning 918.749.4315. Johnson is a resource to the news media for information and comments about developments affecting the efficient, economical and profitable transfer of business ownership and economic trends affecting the business community.