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## **Chicagoland Executive, Joe McCaul, Receives Merger & Acquisition Master Intermediary Designation**

Chicago, IL – The M&A Source® announces it has conferred its prestigious designation of Merger & Acquisition Master Intermediary (M&AMI) upon Mr. Joe McCaul and six other candidates during its Educational Conference and Middle Market Expo in Hartford CT, June 7, 2006. Mr. McCaul is president of Joseph Associates International, Inc., a business brokerage firm with offices in downtown Naperville and the Chicago Board of Trade Building.

The M&A Source® is the world's largest international organization of experienced M&A intermediaries representing the middle market. The M&AMI designation is awarded to members who have proven professional excellence through verified transaction experience, education and peer review. They must also have previously earned the designation of Certified Business Intermediary (CBI). The M&AMI designation demonstrates exemplary commitment and experience as a professional intermediary. The newest designees joined an elite group of just sixty-one M&A professionals world-wide who had previously achieved this distinction.

Since 1991, the M&A Source® has addressed professional issues of merger and acquisition specialists. The organization, a specialists division of the International Business Brokers Association, has over 250 member intermediaries active in middle market transactions. It provides education, networking, conferences, member tools, deal making expos and other support specific to M&A specialists.

“An intermediary has tremendous impact on the success or failure of any contemplated deal. The M&AMI designation is a true mark of distinction that should help business owners in selecting advisors for the transactions,” said McCaul. His firm, Joseph Associates International, Inc., was a 2006 recipient of the Business Ledger's Annual Award for Business Excellence.

Additional information is available from Mr. McCaul by telephoning 888-465-0600. He is available to the news media as a source of information or comments regarding acquisitions, sales and mergers of closely held businesses and the market for them.

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