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**Blacks In Government - In the Top TEN**  
(BIG Receives the Diamond Pinnacle Award)

Blacks In Government will have the added distinction of being awarded the Diamond Pinnacle Award at the 2006 TENPOWER Conference in Houston, Texas on June 24, 2006 hosted by The Empowerment Network (TEN). This is an annual award given to ten organizations selected by a panel from the TEN Organization.

The criteria for the award included organizations long standing achievements in support, encouragement and advancement of African-Americans through programs, events and activities. Blacks In Government was noted as one of the most significant organizations which has influenced the betterment of life for African-Americans.

TEN is a premier cross-networking organization dedicated to empowering others through information sharing and sponsoring networking events. The mission of the organization is to enlighten, acknowledge and encourage black organizations and individuals through cross networking information events. The vision of TEN is to have a "one stop shop" for all black organizations and individuals in need of support, direction, and motivation as well as mentoring, coaching, and counseling in a positive Christian manner.

2006 Diamond Pinnacle Awardees:  
Prince Hall Masons  
National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG)  
National Conference of Black Mayors, INC (NCBM)  
National Association of Black Social Workers  
National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
National Black Broadcasters  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity  
National Association of Black Pilots  
Sisters Sippin Tea (local organization awardees)

BIG is a non-profit 501C (3) public service employee advocacy, training and professional development organization. BIG's membership and National Training Conference attendees reach as far as Japan, England, Germany, Korea, Italy, as well as the contiguous continental United States inclusive of Alaska and Hawaii. BIG has provided a non-partisan platform on major issues of local, regional and national significance that have affected blacks in government since 1975.

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