

### PREMIER FOOD AND BEVERAGE SOLUTIONS PROVIDER WINS ELITE BLACK ENTERPRISE AWARD

*Coalescence Receives 2011 Small Business of the Year Award for Outstanding Entrepreneurship*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (June 13, 2011)** – Coalescence, a premier custom blending and flavor systems manufacturer, was named Small Business of the Year at Black Enterprise's 2011 Entrepreneur's Conference & Expo in Atlanta. Coalescence's co-preneurs, Angela Cauley (CEO) and Ian Blount (SVP/COO), received the prestigious award on Tuesday, May 24, during the Small Business Award Luncheon. Coalescence's latest award is attributed to the company's successful growth during tough economic times.

As Small Business of the Year, Black Enterprise recognizes Coalescence's as a small business whose efforts exemplify the passion and commitment needed to overcome obstacles, as well as attain success. Coalescence, a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), recently obtained certification as a Woman Business Enterprise (WBE), as well as received the 2010 Kellogg Sojourner Truth Award for supporting fellow MBE and WBE companies.

"It is such an honor to receive the 2011 Black Enterprise Small Business of the Year Award for Coalescence's dedication and hard work as a company that prides itself on exceeding the needs of customers with superior products and services," said Angela Cauley, Coalescence CEO. "Having this prestigious recognition speaks to our continued focus on delivering outstanding innovation for every customer, and more importantly, sets a positive, successful example for the next generation of entrepreneurs."

"Our goal is to become a one-stop-shop for our customers and it's a proud moment to have Black Enterprise recognize those efforts," said Ian Blount, Coalescence SVP/COO. "We are determined to be the vendor of choice for our customers by offering them inventive solutions from within our organization or in conjunction with our network of industry professionals. In short, we want to become an extension of our customers so that we can take care of their issues and enable them to concentrate on growing their business."

The Black Enterprise Small Business Awards were created to provide special recognition to African American entrepreneurs who embody the Black Enterprise entrepreneurial spirit. Select companies and individuals are recognized each year for bringing new products to the forefront, redefining sales strategies, and discovering new and profitable markets.

#### **About Coalescence, LLC**

Coalescence, LLC is a custom blending facility that specializes in producing healthy and delicious seasoning and flavor systems, stabilizer blends and nutritional fortification premixes for the Industrial and Foodservice industries. Coalescence's core competencies include producing cost-effective strategic solutions and processes for inventive customer solutions.

To learn more about Coalescence, LLC, visit [CoalescenceLLC.com](http://CoalescenceLLC.com).



**Ian Y. Blount and Angela N. Cauley**  
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