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**THE LINC GROUP AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS MICROSOFT HONOR  
Wins 2009 'Overall Customer Excellence' Award**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA — March 10, 2009** —The Linc Group won Microsoft's highest customer honor – the 2009 Overall Excellence award – for being the best in the world at utilizing Microsoft products and services to improve, enhance, and extend its business platform. TLG is quite unique in its vision, innovation, and commitment to the use of Microsoft Dynamics AX and other enterprise technologies, and was honored for implementing and integrating technology – in a way no other company has – to achieve dramatic increases in productivity, efficiency, and the ability to make critical business decisions with real-time data and collaboration. For The Linc Group, the only pure service company in the country to offer a single source for integrated facility maintenance and energy efficient building services, the result has been good for business all around: exceptional customer service, customer retention, increased profitability, and robust growth.

The strategic use of technology is nothing new to The Linc Group. CEO Tracy Price and his executive team's vision for the company has been to transform the services industry through the implementation of technological innovation, quality, and continuous improvement. Under their leadership, the company has grown to be a global services provider with 4,000 employees and almost

\$600M in revenue. Because of its unique business methodology, the company continues to post impressive growth today, even in an unprecedentedly challenging economic environment.

“We are revolutionizing a very traditional industry and transforming it into a modern, real-time collaborative environment. Everyone at Linc – the executive team and our remarkable employees – has embraced technology to create customer value and differentiate us from the competition. We are not content to follow, we have always based our success on industry leadership and vision, and Microsoft agrees!” said Price. “We’re honored that Microsoft, a company that in many ways wrote the book on technological innovation and the ability to successfully execute bold complex ideas, has lauded our service management framework in this manner.”

Being named for The Overall Excellence award is particularly noteworthy since no company is nominated exclusively for this award. Firms are entered as candidates in individual categories, and the judges choose the Overall Excellence award recipient on the basis of its “amazing efforts” across all 10 award categories.

"The Linc Group clearly stood out from among all nominees," said David Willis, Vice President, US Dynamics for Microsoft. "We recognized them with the Overall Excellence award because of the depth and breadth of their commitment to Microsoft and its products and their innovative solution implementations.”

CEO Tracy Price and CIO Greg Lush, on behalf of all of Linc employees, accepted the Overall Customer Excellence award on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Microsoft Convergence Conference in New Orleans.

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Irvine, CA-based The Linc Group is one of the premier providers of technical building services — including on-site integrated facility operations management and training services; commercial mobile heating, ventilation, and air condition (HVAC) services; commercial and residential lighting and electrical preventative maintenance and repair; and green and energy efficiency solutions — in the world. The Linc Group unites its operating companies through its unique business methodology and Microsoft award-winning technology framework. Collectively, Linc companies service more than 37,000 facilities in 45 states and in select international markets through a professional workforce totaling 4,000 employees. For more information, visit [www.thelincgroup.com](http://www.thelincgroup.com).