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**MERLIN RECEIVES BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU HONOR
2009 Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics**

KALISPELL, MT – March 3, 2009 – For the fourth year in a row, the Better Business Bureau held an evening ceremony to present regional business winners its coveted 2009 Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics. Merlin Information Services is proud to have been awarded an honorable mention.

About the Torch Awards

The BBB Torch Awards program helps illuminate the importance of an ethical business conscience and responsibility to uphold a fair and honest marketplace, and consistently earn trust. Each year, this competition is open to all service-area businesses in various regions wishing to apply, both accredited and non-accredited, with one winner selected from each "company size" category by an independent panel of judges with expertise in business ethics. The Torch Awards for Marketplace Ethics are presented to companies in recognition of their outstanding commitment to exceptional standards in relationship to their consumers, employees, suppliers, competitors, shareholders, and surrounding communities.

Business Ethics a High Priority for Merlin

Merlin Information Services was judged on four business areas including management practices, community/investor/stakeholder relations, communications/marketing practices, and industry reputation. Merlin is dedicated to honesty, integrity, and hard work in a business environment that exemplifies its commitment to high ethical standards. Merlin is in an industry that not only expects, but demands the highest standards of ethics and integrity. One of Merlin's four published core values, and a foundation for its success is, "We are dedicated to promoting and protecting responsible use of information." This core value guides the company in many ways, in operations and in management, but especially in making the right ethical decisions. Merlin's VP of Operations, Joanne Jackson, said, "Merlin goes to great lengths to provide a valuable service to our industry, but does so carefully without compromising the protection of private information. Merlin is proud and honored to receive this award from the Better Business Bureau."

For more information about Merlin Information Services, visit Merlin's website at www.merlindata.com or call 800-367-6646.

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About Merlin

Merlin Information Services provides access to public record and other databases to investigative professionals who locate people, look for assets, run background checks, or perform other investigative work. A leader in the public record industry, Merlin has a reputation for superior customer service, high ethical standards, excellent data and flexible search and retrieval software.