

**KONICA MINOLTA'S bizhub AND bizhub PRO MFPS RECEIVE
2006 'EDITOR'S CHOICE' AWARDS FROM BETTER BUYS FOR BUSINESS**

*Konica Minolta's bizhub PRO 1050, bizhub PRO 920, bizhub PRO C500 and bizhub C450
Named 2006 'Best-in-Class' Devices*

RAMSEY, N.J. - March 7, 2006 - Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. (Konica Minolta) today announced that Better Buys for Business (Better Buys), the nation's leading independent authority on document imaging equipment, has recognized Konica Minolta's bizhub PRO 1050, bizhub PRO 920, bizhub PRO C500 and bizhub C450 as 2006 "Editor's Choice" Award winners. The 105 ppm bizhub PRO 1050 and the 92 ppm bizhub PRO 920 are featured in the 2006 edition of Better Buys' The High-Volume Copier & Multifunctional Guide and the 50 ppm bizhub PRO C500 and the 45 ppm bizhub C450 are featured in the 2006 edition of Better Buys' The Color Copier Guide.

For each guide, the Better Buys' team of office equipment researchers and editors select those models that serve as a benchmark of high quality, exceptional performance and real value. Representing truly "best-in-class" machines, these models are honored with the Better Buys for Business "Editor's Choice" Award. Awards are given to exceptional models of 10 different types of office equipment, including copiers, printers, faxes and scanners. Konica Minolta's bizhub and bizhub PRO MFPS were evaluated on their paper handling, output devices, touch-screen control panel, features, copier productivity and connectivity. In addition to the product evaluation process, Better Buys solicits and incorporates feedback from users about equipment performance, ease of use and brand satisfaction so that its recommended models have proven to be outstanding in the "real world."

Commenting on the bizhub PRO 1050 in the 2006 The High-Volume Copier & Multifunctional Guide, Jonathan Bees, editor, Better Buys for Business, stated, "Konica Minolta has established itself as one of the premier providers of high-volume copiers. The bizhub PRO 1050 is its flagship, and it has the company's very latest features and technology. While most new copiers these days are rehashed versions of older platforms, this new model really is based on a clean-sheet design."

"Our bizhub line of monochrome and color MFPS continues to set industry benchmarks. Each of these MFPS was designed with the latest technological advancements to meet the evolving needs of today's office/workgroup and production print businesses, enabling them to take full control of their workflow and seamlessly communicate with other networked devices," said William H. Brewster, Jr., vice president, marketing, Konica Minolta Business Solutions, U.S.A., Inc. "With our bizhub systems, users can print, copy, scan, email, manage network jobs, store forms and documents, transfer digital documents, send high-speed black and white and high-quality color copying jobs remotely, and finish documents effortlessly and efficiently — all from a single, centralized power center. We are proud that Better Buys has recognized the ability of our bizhub and bizhub PRO MFPS to connect businesses to the hub of their business and the impact of our MFPS in the 'real world'."

About Better Buys for Business

Better Buys for Business is the leading independent buyer's guide for office equipment. Its mission is to help buyers of copiers, printers, fax machines, scanners and duplicators make smarter purchasing decisions. Its research is grounded in real-world performance testing of equipment, and every recommendation in every guide is backed by more than 20 years of experience in equipment research and analysis. For more information, please contact Better Buys at 800-247-2185 or www.BetterBuys.com.

About Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc.

Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc., offers a broad range of multifunctional digital imaging solutions inspired by its bizhub™ brand of powerful solutions that serve as the central

resource for document scanning, in-house printing, copying, faxing and electronic archiving and distribution. From high-quality color and monochrome bizhub systems for workgroups and small offices, to advanced high-volume bizhub PRO™ production printing systems for large corporations and print-for-pay services, Konica Minolta is leading the industry toward integrated, networked hardware/software solutions that are more simple, reliable, and cost-effective. Complementing its bizhub solutions, Konica Minolta also offers desktop laser printers, microform digital imaging systems, wide-format printers and scanning systems for specialized applications.

Headquartered in Ramsey, New Jersey, Konica Minolta delivers expert professional services and experienced, responsive client support, in addition to the world-class service provided through its extensive network of direct sales offices, authorized dealers, resellers and distribution partners in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America and South America. For more information, please visit Konica Minolta at www.kmbs.konicaminolta.us.

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