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TEAM X WINS AFDIM "TRAILBLAZER" AWARD

NEW YORK, New York October 18th 2005 – Team X was recently acknowledged for its groundbreaking efforts to increase diversity in the motor sports arena by winning the Association For Diversity In Motorsports' "Trailblazer" Award.

The Association For Diversity In Motorsports (AFDIM), NASCAR, Lowe's Motor Speedway, Winston Salem State University and Thomas Edison College, partnered to produce the 4th Annual Award Celebration Honoring Diversity in Motorsports, held at Loews Speedway on the 11th October.

The *Trailblazer* award is given to those who were among the first to make inroads into a specific area of motorsports, creating a path for others to follow. Previous recipients of the award have included*: Harold Mills — Hydroplane boats, Harold Martin — NHRA Pro Mod, Brad Daugherty — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, Carlos Contreras - NASCAR Busch Series.*

"This is a time when we honor the efforts made by minorities and women and those who have assisted their efforts in the motorsports industry," said Wayne Clapp, president of AFDIM.

The theme of the celebration was **"Breaking down barriers; Raising up a nation"** and featured musical performances by Tony Award winning Melba Moore. Members of Wendell Scott's Family were also in attendance. Wendell Scott is the first and only African American to win a NASCAR Grand National (Nextel Cup) event.

Team X, principal Dele Atanda and Team X driver Tony Brakohiapa were at hand to receive the Trailblazer award for the team, giving special thanks to their sponsors Saleen, McDonalds and Pirelli tires.

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TEAM X is a new motorsports team established with the principal aim of promoting diversity in motorsports while facilitating new and innovative relationships between the motorsports and urban entertainment industries. Team X primarily competes in the Formula D Drifting Series recently established in the US (www.formulad.com).