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For Immediate Release:

**Mainline Information Systems Recognized as Finalist for
IBM's 2008 Beacon Award
"Leadership in Optimizing IT Infrastructure"**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Mainline Information Systems, an IBM Premier Business Partner, was recognized as a finalist for IBM's 2008 Beacon Award in the category of *Leadership in Optimizing IT Infrastructure*. Designation as a finalist continues Mainline's long history of recognition by both, IBM and the industry, as a leading technology solution provider.

This particular award category focused on Mainline's innovative infrastructure solution for a premier utilities company. The solution delivered improved system performance and utilization, reduced operational costs, enabled better information access and compliance reporting, and, ultimately, facilitated improved customer service.

"The goal of IT optimization is to reduce costs while improving performance and business efficiency," said Dave Lasseter, vice president of Power Systems sales for Mainline. "By leveraging IBM innovation in infrastructure, along with Mainline's solution design and implementation expertise, customers are experiencing tangible results. Optimization components such as LPARs, virtualization and consolidation on IBM System p and BladeCenter servers are reducing power consumption, reclaiming floor space and cutting operational costs."

About Mainline

Founded in 1989, Mainline began by offering information technology solutions and consulting in the IBM midrange markets. Since then, it has become an IBM Premier Business Partner and global provider of information technology and business solutions with more than 600 employees nationwide. Headquartered at 1700 Summit Lake Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32317, Mainline provides solutions throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Brazil and Mexico. The company may be reached by phone at 850.219.5000 and on the Internet at www.mainline.com.

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