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### **Prominent National Women's Organization Certifies Evanston Firm**

**Evanston Illinois USA – June 4, 2008** – The Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) through a regional certifying partner has awarded national certification as a Women's Business Enterprise to **Pluscios Management LLC (Pluscios)**, an alternative asset solutions provider that that creates customized solutions to access the hedge fund market.

WBENC's national standard of certification implemented by the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) is a meticulous process including an in-depth review of the business and site inspection. The certification process is designed to confirm the business is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by a woman or women.

"There has been much written about the lack of women in leadership positions in the hedge fund industry so we are proud to stand up and be counted as one of the comparatively small number of women-owned businesses in this industry," said Kelly Chesney, one of the founding principals of Pluscios.

To learn more about Pluscios Management LLC or interview one of its principals, please contact Kelly Chesney.

#### **About Pluscios**

Pluscios, founded in 2006, is an emerging women-owned business whose two principals, Connie Teska and Kelly Chesney, have 40 years of combined experience and have been building alternative investments portfolios with a focus on risk-adjusted performance since the mid-nineties. Pluscios employs a niche approach to hedge fund investing with a focus on customization and client service and a combination of a-list and smaller more nimble managers.

#### **About WBENC**

The Women's Business Enterprise National Council is the nation's largest third party certifier of businesses owned and operated by women in the United States. WBENC is a resource for the more than 700 US companies and government agencies that rely on WBENC's certification as an integral part of their supplier diversity programs.

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