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MEDIA NOTE

Department of State Ranks High as Best Place To Launch a Career for 2009

In the September 14 edition of *BusinessWeek*, the Department of State placed among the top five places to launch a career. Out of hundreds of employers, including write-ins, the Department of State ranked:

- first as best federal agency to launch a career; and
- fifth as best place to launch a career.

The Department of State was listed under first-ranked Deloitte & Touche, second-ranked Ernst & Young, third-ranked PricewaterhouseCoopers, and fourth-ranked KPMG.

BusinessWeek's ranking of best places to launch a career is based on a poll of 60,000 U.S. undergraduate students by Universum USA, a Philadelphia research company; and information provided by employers on everything from pay and benefits to training programs and retention.

To view all the rankings, visit:

[http://www.businessweek.com/careers/first_jobs/2009/1.htm?chan=magazine+channel_s
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