

***Inc.* Magazine Unveils 33rd Annual List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies—the Inc. 5000**

**The HealthCare Initiative Ranks No. 3278 on the 2014 Inc. 5000
with Three-Year Sales Growth of 104%**

NEW YORK, August 20, 2014 -- *Inc.* magazine today ranked The HealthCare Initiative on its 33rd annual Inc. 5000, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. The list represents the most comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy—America's independent entrepreneurs. Companies such as Yelp, Pandora, Timberland, Dell, Domino's Pizza, LinkedIn, Zillow, and many other well-known names gained early exposure as members of the Inc. 5000.

"It's quite a testament to the people that we have hired over the years, we weathered many storms and always have not only survived, but risen stronger as a result. In fact, even though we've been doing this for 40 years now, the last five have felt like a start-up. And I say that in a positive way. High energy, aggressive growth goals, great people and lots of FUN!"

The 2014 Inc. 5000, unveiled online at Inc.com and with the top 500 companies featured in the September issue of *Inc.* (available on newsstands August 20 to November 30), is the most competitive crop in the list's history. The average company on the list achieved a mind-boggling three-year growth of 516%. The Inc. 5000's aggregate revenue is \$211 billion, generating 505,000 jobs over the past three years. Complete results of the Inc. 5000, including company profiles and an interactive database that can be sorted by industry, region, and other criteria, can be found at www.inc.com/inc5000.

"What surprises me, even though I know it's coming, is the sheer variety of the paths our entrepreneurs take to success, thematically reflecting how our economy has evolved," says Inc. President and Editor-In-Chief Eric Schurenberg. "This year there are far more social media and far fewer computer hardware businesses than there were, say, six years ago. But what doesn't change is the fearsome creativity unleashed by American entrepreneurship."

The annual Inc. 5000 event honoring all the companies on the list will be held from October 15 through 17, 2014 in Phoenix. Speakers include some of the greatest entrepreneurs of this and past generations, such as Michael Dell, Martha Stewart, host of the CNBC show "The Profit" Marcus Lemonis, Container Store Founder and CEO Kip Tindell, and Chobani Founder and CEO Hamdi Ulukaya.

More about The HealthCare Initiative

This Denver, Colorado based executive search firm is a third generation family owned company that was founded in 1974. They specialize in the identification, attraction and delivery of talented healthcare professionals throughout the United States. The HealthCare Initiative has decades of successful history working with top healthcare professionals and organizations and has gained significant national media attention recently. Their recent success has caught not only the attention of Inc. Magazine, but the Wall Street Journal, Newsday, CNBC and the Denver Business Journal have all reached out to gain insight from this leading search firm. Other recent recognition includes:

- Two-Time “World Wide Recruiting Firm of the Year” award winner- MRI Network (Management Recruiters International)
- 5-time “Regional Recruiting Firm of the Year” - MRI Network (Management Recruiters International)
- 5 times-Named to Modern Healthcare Magazine’s “Largest Healthcare Executive Search Firms” list
- 2013- #1 Contingency Search Firm on Modern Healthcare Magazine’s “Largest Healthcare Executive Search Firms” list
- 3-Time “Best Places to Work” –Denver Business Journal
- 2-Time “Fastest Growing Companies in Denver” –Denver Business Journal

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Methodology

The 2014 Inc. 5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth when comparing 2010 to 2013. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by March 31, 2010. They had to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent--not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies--as of December 31, 2013. (Since then, a number of companies on the list have gone public or been acquired.) The minimum revenue required for 2010 is \$100,000; the minimum for 2013 is \$2 million. As always, Inc. reserves the right to decline applicants for subjective reasons. Companies on the Inc. 500 are featured in Inc.'s September issue. They represent the top tier of the Inc. 5000, which can be found at <http://www.inc.com/5000>.

About Inc. and the Inc. 5000

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The Inc. 500|5000 is a list of the fastest-growing private companies in the nation. Started in 1982, this prestigious list of the nation's most successful private companies has become the hallmark of entrepreneurial success. The Inc. 5000 Conference & Awards Ceremony is an annual event that celebrates their remarkable achievements. The event also offers informative workshops, celebrated keynote speakers, and evening functions.

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