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## ***Inc. Magazine Reveals America's 500 Fastest-Growing Private Companies***

***Ability Services Network, Inc. Ranks 370 on the 2005 Inc. 500  
With Three-Year Sales Growth of 365%***

NEW YORK, N.Y., October 19, 2005 – *Inc.* magazine today released its 24<sup>th</sup> annual **Inc. 500** ranking of the fastest-growing private companies in the country. Ability Services Network, Inc., a leading wellness and care management company ranks 370 on the list, with three-year sales growth of 365%. The **Inc. 500** can be found in the November issue, which appears on newsstands November 1.

“Our success is due to our leadership, experience, and knowledge of the industry. We employ the best case managers out there and they deliver the best results for our customers,” says Gene Whobrey, President & CEO of Ability Services Network, Inc.

### **About Ability Services Network, Inc.**

Ability Services Network, Inc. is an independent, national provider of total wellness, case management, and cost containment services within the work place and disability market. Our unique proactive approach to prevention, early intervention, and case management services promotes employee health and an overall reduction of illness, injury, and lost time from work.

Our Team: Over 100 Case Management and Wellness Professionals that cover AL, CA, FL, GA, IN, KS, KY, MD, MO, MS, NC, NJ, OK, PA, SC, TN, TX and VA

ASN's customers include over 300 companies which include: Insurance Carriers, Third Party Administrators, Employers, Attorneys, Medical Providers and PEO's.

For more information about Ability Services Network, Inc., please visit our website at [www.abilityservicesnetwork.com](http://www.abilityservicesnetwork.com).

The companies that made this list represent the vanguard of American industry, posting an average three-year sales growth of 769%. **Inc. 500** companies posted aggregate 2004 revenue of \$15.9 billion, and 84% of them were profitable. Most importantly, **Inc. 500** companies were engines of job growth, having created more than 95,000 jobs since the companies were founded.

The **Inc. 500** list generated 25,180 new jobs in the past year alone, a stunning 35% year-over-year increase. Compare this with the total number of employees among Fortune 500 companies, which declined in 2001, 2002, and 2003 before experiencing a 1.3% uptick of 306,045 jobs in 2004.

“When you look at the amazing job growth among **Inc. 500** companies and contrast it with the stagnation in the Fortune 500, it underscores the changing nature of our economy,” said Jim Melloan, project manager for the **Inc. 500**. “With unprecedented global competition, companies have to be able to turn on a dime and discover innovative new ways of doing business. Increasingly, it’s the smaller, agile companies like those on the **Inc. 500** that are best equipped to meet these challenges.”

The **Inc. 500** ranks privately held companies according to year-over-year sales growth from 2001 to 2004. With approximately 75% of all new job creation in the U.S. coming from entrepreneurial businesses, the **Inc. 500** opens a window onto the companies and industries that are driving the economy forward. Over the years, the **Inc. 500** has identified the next generation of world-class companies, with Microsoft, Stonyfield Farms, Timberland, Oracle, The Princeton Review, Morningstar, Jamba Juice, Gateway, E\*Trade, Intuit, and Domino’s Pizza all appearing on the list before they became industry powerhouses.

### **Methodology**

To be eligible for this year’s **Inc. 500**, companies had to be U.S.-based, independent and privately held through their fiscal year 2004, and have had at least \$500,000 in net sales in the base year of 2001. In addition, their 2004 sales had to exceed 2003 sales. Companies are ranked on cumulative three-year sales growth from 2001 to 2004. **Inc.** verifies all information using tax forms and audited financial statements from certified public accountants and by conducting interviews with company officials.

### **Inc. 500 Online**

This year, **Inc.com** ([www.inc.com](http://www.inc.com)) is offering readers an expanded series of online features to supplement the print edition of the **Inc. 500** ([www.inc.com/inc500](http://www.inc.com/inc500)) Launching October 19, the website will feature:

- Interactive maps allowing for quick insight into regional and industry trends
- A complete, sortable list of this year’s winners
- Slide shows of **Inc. 500** CEOs past and present

**Inc.**, the only major business magazine dedicated exclusively to owners and managers of growing private companies, delivers real solutions for today’s innovative company builders. It provides hands-on tools and market-tested strategies for managing people, finances, sales, marketing, and technology. **Inc.** is also the only publication that focuses on small to medium-size businesses, responsible for more than half the nation’s gross domestic product and 70% of its new jobs. And **Inc.** looks beyond work to address the entrepreneurial lifestyle. **Inc.**, a Mansueto Ventures LLC publication, inspires and informs, with cutting-edge coverage that reflects our readers’ energy, brashness, and imagination.