



ACHILLES GROUP

Achilles Group Ranks No. 2129 on the 2008 Inc. 5,000 with Three-Year Sales Growth of 174%

HOUSTON, August 25, 2008 – Inc. today ranked Achilles Group No. 2129 on its annual ranking of America's 5,000 fastest-growing private companies.

Achilles Group was started in 2002 by three partners and has since grown to a \$2+ million company with locations in Houston, Dallas and Austin. The firm, which becomes the HR director for small and medium sized businesses, was ranked by the Houston Business Journal as the 27th fastest growing business in 2007, and as a Best Places to Work winner in 2008.

"We are an excellent HR option for companies, with 50 to 2000 employees, who want HR without building their own HR department," said Garry Meier, chairman of the board and president. "Our clients like getting Fortune 500 expertise for half the cost of having an internal department. With today's economy, companies are looking for ways to maximize dollars, and we offer an expertise at a good value."

According to Inc., the Inc. 5000 list is the most comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy – America's independent-minded entrepreneurs. Taken as a whole, Inc. 5000 companies represent the backbone of the U.S. economy.

"Our second annual Inc. 5000 continues the most ambitious project in business journalism. The Inc. 5000 gives an unrivalled portrait of young, underreported companies across all industries doing fascinating things with cutting-edge business models, as well as older companies that are still showing impressive growth," said Inc. 5000 Project Manager Jim Melloan.

About Achilles Group

Achilles Group (www.achillesgroup.com) becomes the HR Director for small and mid-sized businesses with 25-2,000 employees. Through a shared-services model Achilles provides human capital expertise for about half the cost of hiring an internal HR director. Typical clients include executives looking for an alternative to building an HR department and companies outgrowing their current HR capabilities. Started in 2002, Achilles Group provides performance-driven HR services in support of business goals for more than 17,000 client employees in over 30 states.

About Inc. 5000

The 5000 companies that made the list reported aggregate revenue of \$185 billion and median three-year growth of 147 percent. Most important, the 2008 Inc. 5000 companies were engines of job growth, having created more than 826,033 jobs since those companies were founded. Complete results of the Inc. 5000, including company profiles and a list of the fastest-growing companies that can be sorted by industry and region can be found at www.inc5000.com. The 2008 Inc. 5000 list measures revenue growth from 2004 through 2007.