



## ***Inc.* Magazine Unveils Exclusive List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies—the Inc. 5000**

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*Goddard Systems, Inc. Ranks No. 37 in Education on the 2009 Inc. 5000  
—With Three-Year Sales Growth of 25%—*

**NEW YORK, August 12, 2009** -- *Inc.* magazine today ranked Goddard Systems, Inc. No. 3,275 on its third annual Inc. 5000, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. Goddard Systems, Inc. also ranked No. 37 in Education. The list represents the most comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy—America's independent-minded entrepreneurs.

“Savvy trend spotters and those who invest in private companies know that the Inc. 5000 is the best place to find out about young companies that are achieving success through a wide variety of unprecedented business models, as well as older private companies that are still expanding at an impressive rate,” said Inc. 5000 project manager Jim Melloan. “That’s why our list is so eagerly anticipated every year.”

“Recognition from *Inc.* magazine reinforces the fact that The Goddard School ® is the franchise system for success-orientated entrepreneurs,” said Joseph Schumacher, Chief Operating Officer at Goddard Systems, Inc. “With over 330 schools nationwide, we are the fastest growing preschool in the United States and provide unparalleled support for the franchisees, directors and teachers.”

Goddard Systems’ pre-opening franchisee support is comprehensive and includes assistance with site selection, lease negotiation, construction management and permit, and lease negotiation. The support available to franchisees once their schools are open includes a stringent Quality Assurance program, professional development for teachers and business support systems including advertising, marketing and public relations.

The 2009 Inc. 5000, unveiled today on Inc.com, serves as a unique report card on the U.S. economy. Despite the ongoing recession, aggregate revenue among the companies on the list actually increased to \$214 billion, up \$29 billion from last year, with a median three-year growth rate of 126 percent. The Inc. 5000 are responsible for creating more than 1 million jobs since their founding; making the list perhaps the best example of the impact private, fast-growing companies can have on the economy. 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 on Inc.com.

This year’s list also offers a preview of which industries are poised for growth in coming years. With an average growth rate of 667 percent, Insurance ranked as the top industry overall. Government Services was the top industry gainer with 252 companies on this year’s list, up from 135 last year. Health is the top industry by both total revenue (\$22.7 billion) and total employment (156,223 jobs).

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## Methodology

The Inc. 5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth from 2005 through 2008. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by the first week of 2005, and therefore able to show four full calendar years of sales. Additionally, they have to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent -- not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies -- as of December 31, 2008. Revenue in 2005 must have been at least \$200,000, and revenue in 2008 must have been at least \$2 million. The top 10 percent of companies on the list comprise the Inc. 500, now in its 28th year.

## About Goddard Systems, Inc.

Recently named #1 Childcare Franchise in the United States, by *Entrepreneur* magazine, for the eighth consecutive year (January 2009) and one of the Top 200 Franchise Systems (in worldwide sales), by *Franchise Times*, for the second consecutive year (October 2008); Goddard Systems, Inc. (GSI) is expanding The Goddard School® network throughout the United States. Headquartered in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, GSI currently licenses 330+ franchised schools with more than 40,000 students in 37 states. With a successful system in place and dedicated franchisees, GSI is the acknowledged leader in franchised childcare and a premier childcare provider in the United States.

## About Inc. Magazine

Founded in 1979 and acquired in 2005 by Mansueto Ventures LLC, *Inc.* ([www.inc.com](http://www.inc.com)) is the only major business magazine dedicated exclusively to owners and managers of growing private companies that delivers real solutions for today's innovative company builders. With a total paid circulation of 712,961, *Inc.* provides hands-on tools and market-tested strategies for managing people, finances, sales, marketing, and technology. Visit us online at Inc.com.

## About the Inc. 500|5000 Conference

Each year, *Inc.* and Inc.com celebrate the remarkable achievements of today's entrepreneurial superstars—the privately held small businesses that drive our economy. The Inc. 500|5000 Conference & Awards Ceremony brings together members of the Inc. 5000 community, both a new class of Inc. 5000 honorees and the list's alumni, for three days of powerful networking, inspired learning, and momentous celebration. Please join us September 23–25, 2009, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. For more information about the 2009 Inc. 500|5000 Conference & Awards Ceremony, and to register, visit [www.Inc5000event.com](http://www.Inc5000event.com). Stay connected with Inc. Events by following @IncEvents on Twitter.

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