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Chicago-Based IT Consulting Firm smarTECHS.net Named One of America's 5,000 Fastest-Growing Private Companies

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5000 Project Manager **Jim Melloan**. '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.'

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 <http://www.inc5000.com>.

Hottest Regions and Industries for Fastest-Growing Companies

The **Chicago** metro area ranks in the top 5 in the Inc. 5000 list with 189 companies. **New York** metro area tops the Inc. 5000 list with 355. **Washington, D.C.** comes in a second with 300 companies; **Los Angeles** is third (244 companies); and **Atlanta** in fourth (194 companies).

The largest business category is IT Services with 579 Inc. 5000 companies. Business Services (532 companies), Construction (459), Manufacturing (405), and Advertising & Marketing (361) complete the top five industries ranked on the 2008 Inc. 5000.

The most notable median growth categories among the Inc. 5000 fastest-growing businesses are in the Energy category (which grew by 298 percent), followed by Government Services (which grew by 220 percent), Security (200 percent growth), IT Services and Software (both grew by 187 percent), and Consulting (which grew by 182 percent on average).

Methodology

The 2008 Inc. 5000 list measures revenue growth from 2004 through 2007. To qualify, companies must be U.S.-based and privately held, for profit, independent -- not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies -- as of December 31, 2007, and have had at least **\$200,000** in revenue in 2004, and **\$2 million** in 2007.

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