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Columbia's FAST 5

Five Columbia companies were recognized in the 28th annual Inc. 500 list, which ranks the country's fastest-growing private companies. The 2009 list was unveiled in Inc. magazine's September issue. The companies on this year's lists have created more than 55,000 jobs since they were founded. Visit Inc.com to see more information about Columbia's companies, and all the companies, that made the list. The 2009 Inc. 500/5,000 measures revenue growth of private companies from 2005-2008.

Plus1 Marketing

Plus1 Marketing provides online marketing, search-engine marketing, conversion-rate optimization, and pay-per-click services, primarily to the financial and travel industries.
Industry: Advertising & Marketing
Founded: 2002

Growth: 928.6%
2005 Revenue: \$315,516
2008 Revenue: \$3.2 million
Employees: 9
Website: www.Plus1-Media.com
Principal: Nathaniel Broughton

#1 AND #226*

VAMortgageCenter.com

VAMortgageCenter.com brokers and lends mortgages, specializing in procuring loans for veterans backed by the Federal Housing Authority and the Veterans Administration.
Industry: Financial Services
Founded: 2002

Growth: 374.1%
2005 Revenue: \$5.3 million
2008 Revenue: \$24.9 million
Employees: 180
Website: www.vmrloans.com
CEO: Nathan Long
President: Brock Bukowsky (pictured)

#8 AND #780*

Photo-Kicks

Photo-Kicks provides photography, videography, graphics, and website design, primarily for martial arts schools and sports clubs.
Industry: Business Products & Services
Founded: 2002

Growth: 91.6%
2005 Revenue: \$1.7 million
2008 Revenue: \$3.3 million
Employees: 47
Website: www.Photo-Kicks.com
Principal: Adam Boster

#33 AND #3005*

Socket

Socket offers telecommunications services for business and residential customers, including networking, Web hosting, e-mail hosting, high-speed Internet and dial-up Internet.
Industry: Telecommunications
Founded: 1994

Growth: 50.5%
2005 Revenue: \$8.8 million
2008 Revenue: \$13.3 million
Employees: 94
Website: www.socket.net
Principal: George Pfeneger

#54 AND #4013*

Environmental Dynamics

Environmental Dynamics specializes in the research, development, and application of aeration products and biological wastewater treatment equipment for industrial clients and municipalities.
Industry: Environmental Services
Founded: 1975
Growth: 32.4%

2005 Revenue: \$18.4 million
2008 Revenue: \$24.3 million
Employees: 105
Website: www.wastewater.com
Principal: Chuck Thury (chairman)

#62 AND #4473*

*Rank among Missouri Companies in Inc. 500/5000 and rank among U.S. companies.