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TekLinks Named in Inc. 5000 Ranking of Fastest-Growing Companies

Inc. magazine ranked TekLinks NO. 859 on its third annual Inc. 5000, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. 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."

TekLinks is, a Cisco, Microsoft and Citrix Gold partner, with over 100 professionals in eight locations throughout Alabama, Mississippi, and North Florida. The firm also owns and operates a 5,600 square foot Data Center at their Birmingham, AL facility, a 2,000 square foot Data Center in their Hattiesburg, MS facility, as well as an additional Data Center in Jackson, MS to provide 24/7 Colocation, Hosted and Managed Services for their clients.

"It's a great distinction to be ranked among the fastest growing companies in America and a testament to our hard work and dedication," says TekLinks' President, Stuart Raburn. "We credit our success and are grateful to our customers, manufacturer partners and especially the entire TekLinks teams for enabling us to realize significant growth. We would not be where we are today without them."

The 2009 Inc. 5000, as revealed on www.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. TekLinks' entry can be found at <http://www.inc.com/inc5000/2009/company-profile.html?id=200908590>.

The Inc. 5000 measures revenue growth from 2005 through 2008. To qualify, companies must be U.S.-based, privately held, independent -- not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies -- as of December 31, 2008, and have at least \$200,000 in revenue in 2005, and \$2 million in 2008.

About *Inc.* Magazine

Founded in 1979 and acquired in 2005 by Mansueto Ventures LLC, *Inc.* (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 TekLinks

TekLinks, with offices in Birmingham, AL; Daphne, AL; Destin, FL; Gulfport, MS; Hattiesburg, MS; Huntsville, AL; Jackson, MS; and Montgomery, AL; offers IT Consulting, Professional Services, Managed Services Hosting and Co-Location services to SMB Accounts and Enterprise Accounts throughout Alabama, Mississippi and the Gulf South. Founded by a group of local industry veterans, TekLinks has attained highly regarded industry certifications including Cisco Gold, Microsoft Gold, Citrix Gold, VMware, EMC, EqualLogic, Red Hat Linux, and Novell among others. With over seventy percent of employees in engineering roles, TekLinks is uniquely positioned to provide a company or assist an IT staff with LAN/WAN infrastructure design, VOIP implementation, security solutions, email systems, voice consulting, or general network support needed to keep a business running smoothly and reliably. In addition, TekLinks offers a variety of co-location, hosted and managed services via its Data Centers located in Birmingham, Jackson and Hattiesburg. For more information visit www.teklinks.com



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