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# Inc. Magazine Unveils Its Annual Exclusive List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies—the Inc.500|5000

FlashingBlinkyLights Ranks No. 4005 on the 2013 Inc. 500|5000 with Three-Year Sales Growth of 67%

**NEW YORK, August 22, 2013** -- *Inc.* magazine today ranked FlashingBlinkyLights NO. 4005 on its seventh annual Inc. 500|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 entrepreneurs. Fuhu tops this year's list. FBL joins LivingSocial, Edible Arrangements, CDW and Lifelock, among other prominent brands featured on this year's list.#

"We have been selling light up novelties since 2001 and growing steadily but in the last two years we experienced a huge upsurge leading us to double our workforce and triple our warehouse space," explained CEO Chris Camarella. "What sets us apart is our commitment to quality, service and safety. Plus our products are a lot of fun!"

In a stagnant economic environment, median growth rate of 2013 Inc. 500|5000 companies is an impressive 142 percent. The companies on this year's list report having created over 520,000 jobs in the past three years, and aggregate revenue among the honorees reached \$241 billion.

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 at <a href="https://www.inc.com/5000">www.inc.com/5000</a>.

"Not all the companies in the Inc. 500 | 5000 are in glamorous industries, but in their fields they are as famous as household name companies simply by virtue of being great at what they do. They are the hidden champions of job growth and innovation, the real muscle of the American economy," says *Inc.* Editor Eric Schurenberg.

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### Methodology

The 2013 Inc. 500|5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth when comparing 2009 to 2012. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by March 31, 2009. They had to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent—not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies—as of December 31, 2012. (Since then, a number of companies on the list have gone public or been acquired.) The minimum revenue required for 2009 is \$100,000; the minimum for 2012 is \$2 million. As always, *Inc.* reserves the right to decline applicants for subjective reasons. Companies on the Inc. 500 are featured in *Inc.*'s September issue. They represent the top tier of the Inc. 5000, which can be found at <a href="https://www.inc.com/500">www.inc.com/500</a>.

#### About Inc.

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## 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.* community, both a new class of Inc. 500|5000 honorees and the list's alumni, for three days of powerful networking, inspired learning, and momentous celebration. Please join us October 10–12, 2013, at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in Washington, DC. For more information about the 2013 Inc. 500|5000 Conference & Awards Ceremony and to register, visit <a href="www.inc500conference.com">www.inc500conference.com</a> or call 866-901-3205.