

North Star Named to Inc. 5000 For 2nd Year

North Star Resource Group has been named to the *Inc. 5000*, *Inc.* magazine's annual list of the nation's 5,000 fastest-growing private companies for the 2nd year.

The Minneapolis-based firm, which provides customized financial services for individuals and families, business owners, corporate executives, and medical professionals, grew its revenues 5 percent from 2005 through 2008.

North Star has been serving successful individuals and businesses since 1908 and is ranked the 4th largest Independent Financial Services Firm in the world by GAMA International (12/31/08). In January 2009, the firm was named as one in the "Top 20 Best Places to Work for Recent College Grads," by *Experience*. In addition, North Star was recognized by *CollegeGrad.com* as one of the "Top Entry Level Employers in the Nation" for 3 consecutive years, 2006-2008.

According to *Inc. 5000* project manager Jim Melloan, "Savvy trend spotters 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."

About North Star Resource Group

North Star provides innovative, customized solutions to assist individuals, professionals, and business owners in reaching their financial goals. North Star's strength is generated from the long-term commitment to its clients, fellow advisors and team members; the industry and its communities. They uniquely bring together a team of experienced professionals who offer access to a broad range of wealth management services, as well as diverse financial expertise and responsive service. This unique organizational structure serves as a powerful resource to help meet their clients' total financial picture. From insurance to college funding, retirement to estate planning, North Star is committed to helping its clients achieve their long-term financial goals.

As of December 2008, more than 150 full time advisors and over 200 employees in a network of 16 offices; located in 10 states, have helped over 90,000 successful people achieve their financial goals.

About Inc. 5000, Inc.

Inc. Magazine's third annual *Inc. 5000* is 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.



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