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## Madison County Leads State in Number of Inc. 500/5000 Companies

*Inc.* magazine recently ranked 21 Madison County-based companies in its 30th 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. Companies such as Microsoft, Zappos, Intuit, Jamba Juice, Zipcar, Clif Bar, Vizio, Oracle, and many other well-known names gained early exposure as members of the Inc. 500.

The 2011 Inc. 500, unveiled in the September issue of *Inc.* (available on newsstands August 23 to November 15 and on Inc.com), is a group of companies that are smaller but much faster growing than last year's crop. Aggregate revenue is \$10.5 billion, with a median three-year growth of 1,275 percent. The companies on this year's list employ more than 46,000 people and generated over 35,000 jobs in the past three years. Complete results of the Inc. 500, including company profiles and an interactive database that can be sorted by industry, region, and other criteria, can be found on Inc.com/500.

"Now, more than ever, we depend on Inc. 500/5000 companies to spur innovation, provide jobs, and drive the economy forward. Growth companies, not large corporations, are where the action is," says *Inc.* magazine Editor Jane Berentson.

The highest-ranking company on the list from Alabama was Huntsville-based Connected Logistics at No. 10. Chamber member companies on the list include:

- 10 Connected Logistics
- 301 Davis Strategic Innovations
- 580 Bevilacqua Research Corporation
- 688 Intuitive Research and Technology Corporation
- 955 Pikewerks
- 1005 Systems Products and Solutions, Inc.
- 1093 GATR Technologies
- 1402 GaN Corporation
- 1571 PeopleTec
- 1798 Torch Technologies
- 1806 The Pinnacle Schools
- 1951 nLogic
- 1983 Alatec
- 2430 deciBel Research
- 2583 Manufacturing Technical Solutions, Inc.
- 3095 Shearer & Associates
- 3376 Venturi
- 3583 Pro-Air (Decatur)
- 3665 Bradley Arant Boult Cummings (Birmingham)
- 4300 ERC
- 4325 US Diagnostics
- 4602 Future Research Corporation
- 4895 Kaya Associates •



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