



Bridger Photonics Makes the Inc. 500 Fastest Growing Companies

Bridger Photonics Ranks 1st in the Engineering Sector and 164th overall on *Inc. Magazine's* 2011 list of Fastest Growing Private Companies with 3-Year Growth of 1,795.6%

Bozeman, MT, August 23, 2011 -- *Inc.* magazine today ranked Bridger Photonics, Inc. NO. 164 on its 30th annual Inc. 500 list, 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. The Bozeman, Montana based Bridger Photonics, Inc. ranked 1st on the list among companies in the Engineering sector.

Bridger Photonics, Inc. specializes in lasers and laser-based measurement systems. Their proprietary technologies lead to metrology products with unsurpassed resolution, gas detection, and 3D imaging capabilities. The company has developed the highest resolution distance measurement systems in the world, and the only affordable, compact, mid-infrared, high-energy pulsed laser for gas detection. Their technologies identify sources of pollution, improve manufacturing quality and efficiency, and help in the fight against illicit drug use. From 2007 to 2010, Bridger Photonics, Inc. expanded from 2 to 15 employees and experienced a growth rate of 1,795.6% in revenues.

"It is an honor to be recognized as an industry leader by *Inc. Magazine.*" said Bridger Photonics, Inc. CEO and co-founder, Dr. Pete Roos. "This achievement is first and foremost a reflection of our talented, devoted, and passionate team. We have been very fortunate in finding such amazing people. We have also benefited greatly from our collaborators and technology transfer infrastructure at Montana State University." Bridger Photonics, Inc. COO and co-founder, Dr. Randy Reibel added "We built this company the Montana way, with honesty, integrity, and extremely hard work. Our technical excellence is second to none in our field."

For more information about Bridger Photonics, Inc. please visit www.bridgerphotonics.com

The 2011 Inc. 500 list, unveiled in the September issue of *Inc.* (available on newsstands August 23 to November 15 and at 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%. 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 at www.Inc.com/500.

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