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Associated has been recognized on Inc. Magazine's list of America's Fastest Growing Private Companies with Three-Year Sales Growth of 44%

ADDISON, IL, September 20, 2013 - *Inc.* magazine recently recognized Associated 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. Associated joins LivingSocial, Edible Arrangements, CDW and Lifelock, among other prominent brands featured on this year's list.

In the last three years Associated has achieved a growth rate of 44% and added 58 new jobs. This success is due largely to the increasingly strategic role that the Material Handling and Logistics Industry has assumed in today's business environment as companies are continually driving demand for solutions that will enable them to improve order to delivery cycles, reduce inventory and satisfy changing consumer buying behaviors.

Michael Romano, President/CEO of Associated said, "We look forward to the continued growth and development of our organization that will put us in an even better position to satisfy the needs of our customers. Over the past 50 years, our success has been driven by our employee's individual and collective efforts which have earned our customer's loyalty and dedication. We are honored and excited to be recognized on this list with other companies that believe it is the American entrepreneurial spirit that will ultimately drive our economic growth".

In an uncertain 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 www.inc.com/5000.

About Associated:

Celebrating over 50 years of providing customers with innovative solutions that optimize space, labor and order fulfillment operations within their supply chain, Associated understands that handling materials in the supply chain should be more than material handling. By utilizing their unparalleled experience and industry best practices they are able to evaluate current methods and processes for storage, order fulfillment, labor and equipment utilization and recommend practical strategies to enhance their effectiveness and reduce overall cost. Featuring leading-edge engineering, fleet management and labor optimization services to complement industry leading sales, service, rentals and parts, Associated has been the recipient of multiple awards in recognition of being a premier organization in the industry.

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