



11th Annual Inner City 100



2009 Nomination Form

What is the Inner City 100?

Now in its eleventh year, the Inner City 100 is a list of 100 of the fastest growing companies in America's inner cities. The program, run by the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC) spotlights and supports growing companies in urban areas and highlights the importance of a healthy economy in developing healthy urban communities.

ICIC is a national, not-for-profit organization founded by Professor Michael Porter of the Harvard Business School. ICIC's mission is to promote economic prosperity in America's inner cities through private sector engagement that leads to jobs, income and wealth creation for local residents. ICIC brings together business and civic leaders to drive innovation and action, transform thinking and accelerate inner city business growth and investment.

Each year, ICIC puts out a call for nominations and select the fastest growing from among the applicants. The winners are determined based on revenue growth over a five year period (2003-2007 for the 2009 list). For the 2008 list, ICIC received over 6,500 nominations with the 100 winners averaging close to 472% growth over five years.

Eligibility for the 2009 Inner City 100:

To qualify for the Inner City 100, a company must:

- Be an independent, for-profit, corporation, partnership, or proprietorship.
- Be headquartered in or have 51% or more of its physical operations in economically distressed urban areas.
- Have had ten or more full-time employees in 2007.
- Have a five-year operating sales history (2003-2007) that includes:
 - an increase in 2007 sales over 2006 sales, and
 - sales of at least \$200,000 in 2003 and at least \$1 million in 2007.

What's in it for nominators?

Participating partners will have the opportunity to send representatives to the Inner City 100 Summit, and will be recognized in local press releases. These lists also bring positive attention to their host cities and the results of local economic development initiatives.

What's in it for companies?

The Inner City 100 list receives substantial national and media attention and is featured in BusinessWeek Small Biz Magazine. Past winners have cited meeting major investors, winning multi-million dollar contracts and gaining increased credibility as direct results of appearing on the list. Inner City 100 Companies are also invited to the Inner City 100 Summit, a two day event in Boston that includes classes at Harvard Business School.

Do you know companies like this? Please nominate today!

To nominate companies or for more information about the Inner City 100 program, please visit www.icic.org or contact Dereje Bereta at (617) 292-2363 x142 or innercity100@icic.org.

To submit nominations not completed online, please fax to (617) 292-2380, attn: Dereje Bereta or mail to his attention at:
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THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.



Nomination Form **2009 ICIC Inner City 100**

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Your Information

NOMINATOR NAME		TITLE	
ORGANIZATION			
ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	WEB SITE
PHONE	FAX	EMAIL	

Company Information

COMPANY NAME			
ADDRESS (HEADQUARTERS)			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	WEB SITE
PHONE	FAX	EMAIL	
CONTACT NAME		TITLE	EMAIL

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