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Dear Steven Miller,

Congratulations: Your company, R.F. Stearns, Inc., has made the 2009 Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in America.

This achievement puts you in rarefied company, especially if you consider that more than 27 million businesses are registered in the U.S. The elite group you have now joined has, over the years, included companies such as Microsoft, Timberland, Intuit, Jamba Juice, Oracle, and Under Armour.

In fact, many of today's most successful U.S. companies received their first national recognition when they appeared on the *Inc.* list.

The accomplishment of running one of the nation's fastest-growing companies is truly worth celebrating. We hope you will join your colleagues and peers at the 28th Annual Inc. 500|5000 Conference & Awards Ceremony, which will be held September 23–25, 2009, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in Washington, D.C. The event sells out, so register early (plus, you will save \$400 per attendee by registering before July 31). To do so, go to 2009inc500awards.com or call us at 877-211-0489.

We will coordinate a major public release of the list on August 12 and request that you refrain from any public announcements about your inclusion until then—particularly because information about each company's official rank will not be available until that time. Your official honoree package, which includes your rank and other information, will arrive at around that date.

I look forward to congratulating you in person in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Berentson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jane Berentson
Editor
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