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Agel Enterprises presents a \$5,000 check to the United Jewish Federation of Utah.



United Jewish Federation of Utah honors Agel

Provo-based Agel Enterprises received the "Building Bridges Award" from the United Jewish Federation of Utah. The award recognizes Agel for its business and humanitarian efforts in Israel, including a \$5,000 donation to

increase educational opportunities and child support.

"The Jewish community in Utah appreciates that a Utah company is investing in Israel," says Erik Ludwig, executive director of the federation. "We express thanks to our friends at Agel who have bridged Israel to the communities of Utah."

Agel has been operating in Israel for two years, and the country now constitutes the company's largest international market.

20 Utah Valley companies make the Inc. 5,000

Inc. magazine expanded its annual list of the nation's fastest growing privately owned companies from 500 to 5,000 to provide a comprehensive look at the "entrepreneurial engine" driving our economy.

Here are the 20 Utah Valley companies that made the list.

Inc. 5,000

- 22. Heritage Web Solutions • Provo
- 23. Doba • Orem
- 280. Firstline Security • Orem
- 415. Costume Craze • Lindon
- 472. Logoworks • Lindon
- 491. D&H • Orem
- 717. Namifiers • Springville
- 986. Digital Gateway • American Fork
- 1,035. Atlas Marketing Group • Provo
- 1,275. Paraben • Pleasant Grove
- 1,403. DieCuts With a View • Provo
- 1,442. DirectPointe • Lindon
- 1,501. VitalSmarts • Provo
- 1,579. CirclePix • Springville
- 2,190. WingateWeb • Lindon
- 2,328. Career Step • Springville
- 2,484. AtTask • Orem
- 3,420. For Every Body • Lindon
- 3,694. Connect Public Relations • Provo
- 4,011. Corda Technologies • Lindon

Wall Street Journal ranks BYU MBA No. 1

The Wall Street Journal ranked BYU's Master of Business Administration Program first among regional schools in the paper's 2007 report of top business programs, up from third in 2006 and sixth in 2005. The Marriott School was also ranked No. 2 among the best schools for hiring graduates with strong ethical standards, behind Dartmouth College.

"This is a tremendous honor to be at the top of such a distinguished list of schools," says Ned C. Hill, dean of BYU's Marriott School of Management. "We're very proud of our graduates and the high professional and ethical standards they have become known for throughout the world."

In addition, BYU placed fourth in the paper's "accounting honor roll" and ranked ninth in "corporate social responsibility."

Approximately 3,000 students are enrolled in the school's graduate and undergraduate programs.

A-Plus Benefits receives Silver Award

A-Plus Benefits, a Lindon-based employee benefits company, was recognized by the Utah Council for Worksite Health Promotion with a Silver Healthy Worksite Award, which recognizes outstanding achievements in implementing worksite health promotion programs.

"It's simple, we practice what we preach," says Rick Bartholomew, CEO of A-Plus Benefits. "It's only right that our staff have every opportunity to be in a healthy and safe work environment when we ask the same of our clients."

UVHBA Directory wins national award

The Utah Valley Home Builders Association's 2007 Home Improvement & Building Guide, published in partnership with Orem-based Bennett Communications, won the award for Best Communication to Members — Directories Published at the Executive Officers Council in Long Beach, Calif., in August.

The award recognizes directories from around the country and is judged on the criteria of innovative and pertinent association information for members.