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Firm's strong growth saluted by publication AIS at Griffiss one of fastest-growing companies, according to Inc. magazine

Assured Information Security has been ranked as Inc. magazine's 299th fastest growing company in the country for 2007. The Rome-based company was ranked 23rd out of 38 companies in the government services sector.

Companies are ranked according to the percentage growth of their revenue from 2003 through 2006. During this time, AIS recorded a growth of 859 percent. The corporation was founded in 2001 by Dr. Leonard Popyack of Clinton and Charles Green of Westmoreland. The company has its roots in Air Force Research Laboratory's Rome Research site, and still works closely with AFRL and other government customers.

AIS is the only New York State firm on the 500 list in the government services category. Last year, AIS was ranked first among small businesses (under \$10 million) in the Central New York Fast 50 award.

The award will be accepted by Popyack and Green at a ceremony in Chicago, Sept. 8, where former president Bill Clinton will give the keynote address.

AIS conducts research and development into computer network security capabilities. AIS research contributes to a secure cyberspace for the U.S. government and private citizens alike. The main focus of AIS research and development is computer cyber operations products, which are used for national security and defense.

AIS corporate headquarters are located in a new facility at 245 Hill Road on the Griffiss Business Park, and the company leases facilities in Beaverton, Ore. Almost all of the staff is employed in New York State (96 percent), including 71 employees and six consultants in Rome. There are two employees in Oregon.

The company is in the New York Empire Zone employment credit program and has exceeded its required employment goals each year. The AIS Portland office is also projected to expand operations.

"AIS, Inc. plans to maintain headquarter operations in Rome ... and to grow steadily as government demand for security products and services continues to increase," the company said in a statement.

Last year, the company hired 26 scientists, engineers and staff. So far in 2007, AIS has hired 12 more employees. Reasonable projections for next year are between 10 and 30 more employees, depending on business conditions and work load, according to company officials.