

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IA—May 29, 2008**—The Entrepreneurial Development Center (EDC), a community-sponsored business accelerator, is pleased to announce that V.i.P.S. was recognized yesterday at the FASTEST GROWING COMPANIES breakfast hosted by the Corridor Business Journal (CBJ). The 2008 FASTEST GROWING COMPANIES breakfast, held May 28, at the Kirkwood Center for Continuing Education in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was the first for this event and recognized companies with the highest growth rates in the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Corridor.

Companies had to earn at least \$350,000 annually and were ranked based on the percentage increase in revenue experienced from 2005 to 2007.

“It’s exciting to see our area’s entrepreneurs receive the recognition they deserve for working so hard to grow so fast,” said Curt Nelson, President and CEO of the EDC and presenter of the top five awards at the ceremony. “It is some of these exciting, high-growth entrepreneurial companies that will one day grow up to be the Rockwell Collins and Life Investor’s of our area’s future.”

Of particular note, V.i.P.S. was awarded the 12<sup>th</sup> fastest growing company on the list.

#### **About V.i.P.S.**

V.i.P.S. champions educators to create a productive learning environment while meeting their individual needs and wants. We accomplish this by providing superior products and Complete Customer Satisfaction. It is our goal to supply administrators, teachers and parents with the products and information they need in the most efficient way possible allowing them to take a more proactive role in the student's education. Our everyday pricing offers improved operational efficiencies delivering increased value. We believe individuals decide to pursue a lifelong career in education because they want to make a real difference in the lives of young people and so do we. We are committed to providing educational furniture, equipment and technology services at a fair investment. V.i.P.S.’ consulting services ensure annual budgeting, new construction, and product selection are a success. [www.vipschools.com](http://www.vipschools.com)

