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**Rice Fergus Miller Ranks Number 85 on the 100 Fastest-Growing Private Companies List  
Released by Puget Sound Business Journal****2010 Companies Honored and Rankings Announced**

SEATTLE, WA – Oct. 14, 2010 – Puget Sound Business Journal announced that Rice Fergus Miller ranked number 85 on the 100 Fastest-Growing Private Companies list at an awards event at Meydenbauer Center on Oct. 13. The event, which drew nearly 500 people, announced and honored all 100 companies on the list and revealed each company's ranking. The 100 Fastest-Growing Private Companies are listed, with select companies profiled, in a special publication of the Business Journal on Oct. 15.

The Fastest-Growing Private Companies program was launched 16 years ago by the Puget Sound Business Journal to identify and recognize companies speeding to the top of their industries. To be eligible, companies must: be privately held and headquartered in Washington; have at least \$500,000 in net revenue in 2007; show an overall growth from 2007 to 2009 fiscal years; and agree to have their CPA confirm their net operating revenues with Puget Sound Business Journal.

"The companies that make this list are, by definition, among the most dynamic in our region," said Business Journal Publisher Emory Thomas Jr. "Especially this year, they have beaten the odds imposed by the Great Recession, making membership on this elite list all the more impressive. These companies are showing all of us what qualities it takes to grow in challenging times."

Rice Fergus Miller, a 40-person architecture, interior design and planning firm, is located in downtown Bremerton. Dave Fergus credits Rice Fergus Miller's diverse portfolio of projects for its success. That portfolio includes community buildings like fire stations and schools, and also health-care facilities and senior housing. "Our blend has worked very well for us," Fergus said.

The 100 Fastest-Growing Private Companies program is presented by the Puget Sound Business Journal and sponsored by Chase, Lane Powell, Robert Half International, and Sound Mental Health.

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