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## **State Senators hold roundtable with NH's fastest growing businesses**

*Inc.5000 companies share what works in NH; how to improve business environment in NH*

(Concord) The brainpower behind some of New Hampshire's fastest growing businesses met with legislators determined to make the state more business friendly yesterday. The result was a roundtable discussion between some of the state's 2011 *Inc.Magazine's* top 5000 winners and Republican senators.

Senate President Peter Bragdon, a former *Inc.500\** winner for his previous work in the computer industry, led the discussion held at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. He began by congratulating the companies on their success and noted that the state Senate is made up of 17 current or former small business owners.

Twenty-seven privately held firms were invited representing industries ranging from manufacturing and high-tech to more retail-oriented businesses like gourmet gift baskets and doggie daycare. Jody Rogers, owner of the Barking Dog in Exeter, spoke for many in attendance when she shared her frustrations with having to shoulder the responsibility and rising costs of healthcare insurance for employees. Other owners commented on the need to reform the unemployment insurance tax they are required to pay. All the invitees agreed that New Hampshire is a great place to do business, especially for its quality of life. However, they all encouraged the senators to guard against taxes and fees that nickel and dime businesses, yet add up to a lot; work towards creating a strategic business plan for the state; make a concerted effort to both welcome new companies and pay attention to those established firms that continue to add jobs and boost the economy.

Event sponsor Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, LLP, was represented by Suzan M. Lehmann, a corporate attorney whose practice includes transactional law, government procurement and government relations. Lehmann said, "Hinckley, Allen & Snyder represents numerous companies in New Hampshire, and I am pleased that we had this opportunity to support the Senate's efforts to support growth and development in New Hampshire's business community. We are honored to have sponsored this event and will certainly continue to foster commerce in our business community."

(\*Note: The *Inc.500* designation is correct. Sen. Bragdon received the honor in 1993 when *Inc.Magazine* honored 500 companies. The award has since been expanded.)

Courtesy photo attached: State Senators meet with *Inc.5000* winners from New Hampshire at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord on Wednesday.

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