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**NINTH HOUSE, INC. NAMED AMONG SILICON VALLEY'S FASTEST GROWING TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES IN DELOITTE'S TECHNOLOGY FAST 50 PROGRAM**

*Award-winning Learning Company Attributes Phenomenal Growth to Escalating Demand by Companies and Government Agencies to Develop Leaders At All Levels of the Organization*

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – October 26, 2006** – Ninth House, Inc., the leadership and management development company, has been named to Deloitte's prestigious Software & Information Technology Fast 50 Program for Silicon Valley, a ranking of the fastest growing companies in each industry of technology, media, telecommunications and life sciences by Deloitte & Touche USA LLP, one of the nation's leading professional services organizations. Rankings are based on the percentage revenue growth over five years from 2001–2005. Ranked Number 22, Ninth House grew 266% during this period.

“We are honored to be recognized as one of the fastest growing companies in the Silicon Valley,” stated CEO and Co-founder of Ninth House, Inc., Jeff Snipes. “This recognition is a culmination of our employees' dedication to develop the highest-quality leadership development solutions for customers who recognize that leadership development is instrumental in developing, engaging and retaining key employees in a competitive market.”

Ninth House has received numerous awards and accolades in 2006, including being ranked among the fastest growing companies in North America on Deloitte's Technology Fast 500, recognized with the “Best Corporate Learning” CODiE Award by the Software & Information Industry Association, and “Best of Solution Providers” by hrGOV. Ninth House Leadership Development Solutions integrates content from leading business experts with interactive simulations and engaging self-paced learning to address today's relevant business challenges.



“Deloitte’s Silicon Valley Technology Fast 50 companies have shown the strength, vision and tenacity to succeed in today’s very competitive technology environment,” said Mark Jensen, National Director of the Venture Capital Services Group for Deloitte & Touche LLP in San Jose. “We applaud the successes of Ninth House and acknowledge it as one of the very few to accomplish such a fast growth rate over the past five years.”

To qualify for the Technology Fast 50, companies must have had operating revenues of at least \$50,000 in 2001 and \$5,000,000 in 2005, be headquartered in North America, and be a company that owns proprietary technology or proprietary intellectual property that contributes to a significant portion of the company's operating revenues; or devotes a significant proportion of revenues to the research and development of technology. Using other companies' technology or intellectual property in a unique way does not qualify.

This year’s Silicon Valley Technology Fast 50 program is co-presented by Deloitte & Touche USA LLP and Silicon Valley Bank, Cooly Godward Kronish LLP, Korn/Ferry International and Porsche Motorsports.

#### **About Ninth House**

Ninth House, Inc. provides leadership development solutions that integrate content from leading business experts with self-paced online courses and practical simulations to more effectively develop leaders at all levels of an organization. The Ninth House curriculum addresses the most relevant issues an organization faces—from leadership and innovation, to building community in the workplace, to managing change. Ninth House’s leadership development solutions are easily scaleable, customized and deployed to a corporation’s workforce based on business needs; thereby, providing organizations with rapid, measurable impact on employee behavioral change, while increasing productivity. Ninth House customers include nearly 200 global 2000 and government organizations globally such as Amazon.com, British Telecommunications, Hyperion Software, SSM Health Care, United States Navy, and United States Department of Justice.

Ninth House is headquartered in San Francisco, CA. For more information, please visit the Ninth House website at: [www.ninthhouse.com](http://www.ninthhouse.com), or call: 415-277-8200.

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