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## **Aculight Corporation Named One of Washington State's Top 50 High Tech Firms**

*Company Attributes Growth to Setting and Achieving Goals;  
Building Customer Confidence*

**Bothell, Wash., September 13, 2006** – Aculight Corporation, a leading developer of innovative laser technologies, has been named to *Washington CEO* magazine's "Top 50 High Tech Firms in Washington" list for 2006. Aculight ranked number 34, up from 60 in 2005.

"Aculight is steadily growing from a research company into a product development and manufacturing company," said Aculight President and CEO Don Rich. "We've added personnel who bring key skill sets; we're investing in the talent that's necessary to take us to the next level of product development and production. We have also been vocal with our customers about our expansion goals. We let them know what we set out to do and as we've achieved each of these goals it's developed our customers' confidence in us. They know that we'll be able to use that same commitment and follow-through to accomplish goals for them."

The *Washington CEO* list is a ranking of the 50 largest high tech companies in Washington State. To be considered, companies must devote at least 10 percent of their annual budget to technology-based research and development. The list is then ranked from largest to smallest by number of employees in Washington. Aculight currently employs 76 people, up from around 65 in 2005. The entire ranking can be found in the magazine's August 2006 issue.

"Companies that have made it in *Washington CEO*'s Top 50 High Tech Firms are companies that are investing heavily in research and are strongly committed to growing in newly emerging markets," said Leslie Helm, executive editor of *Washington CEO*. "In



a region so rich in high tech companies, being including in this elite group is a significant accomplishment.”

**About Aculight**

Founded in 1993, Aculight is focused on being the leader in providing quality, innovative and cost-effective laser system solutions for our customers’ needs in national defense, aerospace and medical applications. For more information about Aculight, please contact Dr. Andrew Brown, director of business development, at (425) 482-1100 or visit [www.aculight.com](http://www.aculight.com).

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