



## Nine Texas firms on Fortune list Small-business periodical ranks expansion leaders

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Nine Texas companies appear on **Fortune Small Business** magazine's list of the 100 fastest-growing small public companies in the United States.

Only New York and California had more businesses on the list, in issues hitting the newsstands on July 5.

### Texas companies that appear on Fortune Small Business magazine's 100 fastest-growing companies list:

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Company</u>                            | <u>City</u>      |
|-------------|---|------------------|
| 8           | Advanced Neuromodulation Systems Inc.     | Plano            |
| 24          | Collegiate Pacific Inc.                   | Dallas           |
| <b>25</b>   | <b>First Cash Financial Services Inc.</b> | <b>Arlington</b> |
| 27          | Docucorp International Inc.               | Dallas           |
| 46          | Team Inc.                                 | Alvin            |
| 58          | Horizon Health Corp.                      | Lewisville       |
| 72          | Atrion Corp.                              | Allen            |
| 73          | U.S. Physical Therapy Inc.                | Houston          |
| 79          | Peerless Manufacturing Co.                | Dallas           |

*SOURCE: Fortune Small Business magazine*

Plano-based Advanced Neuromodulation Systems Inc. was the highest-ranked Texas company at No. 8. The medical supplies maker was ranked 96 in 2003. "We've got a strong pipeline of products, and we're in a market that's growing," said Chris Chavez, chief executive of ANSI.

Five of the Texas companies are newcomers to the list, including Collegiate Pacific Inc. of Dallas. The company acquired two other sports equipment manufacturers and distributors this year, and it announced Monday that it intends to acquire Dixie Sporting Goods Co. of Richmond, Va. "Once you do the largest distributor, the floodgates tend to open," said Adam Blumenfeld, president of Collegiate Pacific.

There were 12 Texas companies on the list in 2003. Gone this year are Quicksilver Resources Inc. and Virbac Corp. of Fort Worth; Dynacq International Inc. of Pasadena; GulfMark Offshore Inc. and Spinnaker Exploration Co. of Houston; Carbo Ceramics Inc. of Irving; and Abatix Corp. of Dallas. Real estate firms and banks were not considered this year, disqualifying Houston-based Prosperity Bancshares Inc.

"These companies are growing a lot faster than other small businesses, but these are very volatile companies," said Jeff Garigliano, assistant managing editor of the magazine. "These are not necessarily predictors of their futures."

For the second year, Nashville-based American Healthways Inc. ranked first on the list.

This is **Fortune Small Business'** fourth annual ranking of public companies with annual revenue of less than \$200 million and a stock price of more than \$1.