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1. **BrightStar Care**  
**Shelly Sun**  
Homecare Franchisor  
Gurnee, IL  
Founded: 2002  
Employees: 59
2. **Cenergy International Services, LLC**  
**June Ressler**  
Energy Personnel Solutions  
Houston, TX  
Founded: 1996  
Employees: 938
3. **Shear Enterprises**  
**Rhonda Shear**  
International Intimate Apparel Retailer & Wholesaler  
St. Petersburg, FL  
Founded: 2003  
Employees: 29
4. **Rose International, Inc.**  
**Sue Bhatia**  
Workforce and Technology Solutions  
Chesterfield, MO  
Founded: 1993  
Employees: 6000
5. **Strategic Communications**  
**Kathy Mills**  
Communication Solutions  
Louisville, KY  
Founded: 1994  
Employees: 39
6. **Doerle Food Services, LLC**  
**Carolyn Doerle**  
Food Service Distribution Company  
Broussard, LA  
Founded: 1950  
Employees: 425
7. **Artech Information Systems LLC**  
**Ranjini Poddar**  
IT Consulting & Staffing Firm  
Cedar Knolls, NJ  
Founded: 1992  
Employees: 3500
8. **Ubee Interactive, Inc**  
**Maria Popo**  
Communications Equipment  
Englewood, CO  
Founded: 2002  
Employees: 40
9. **ICONMA LLC**  
**Claudine George**  
Staffing  
Troy, MI  
Founded: 2000  
Employees: 1317
10. **GCS, Inc.**  
**Nicole Geller**  
Highly Engaged Experts  
McLean, VA  
Founded: 1995  
Employees: 175
11. **TransPerfect**  
**Liz Elting**  
Languages Services Provider  
New York, NY  
Founded: 1992  
Employees: 2010
12. **ICON Information Consultants LP**  
**Pamela O'Rourke**  
Human Capital Solutions  
Houston, TX  
Founded: 1998  
Employees: 1500
13. **TTi Global**  
**Lori Blaker**  
Training, Staffing, Outsourcing  
Rochester Hills, MI  
Founded: 1976  
Employees: 929
14. **Axis Teknologies**  
**Jennifer Schoenhofer**  
Wireless Infrastructure Engineering  
Sandy Springs, GA  
Founded: 2003  
Employees: 104
15. **BlackLine Systems**  
**Therese Tucker**  
Financial Software Provider  
Los Angeles, CA  
Founded: 2001  
Employees: 98
16. **Bialek Environments**  
**Joan Bialek**  
Contract Furniture Dealer & Interior Modular Construction  
Rockville, MD  
Founded: 1982  
Employees: 40
17. **Butler/Till Media**  
**Sue Butler**  
**Tracy Till**  
Full-Service Media Agency  
Rochester, NY  
Founded: 1998  
Employees: 77
18. **Atlas Travel International**  
**Elaine Osgood**  
Travel Management Company  
Milford, MA  
Founded: 1986  
Employees: 115
19. **Boost Technologies, LLC**  
**Anita Emoff**  
Recognize Your Rock Stars  
Dayton, OH  
Founded: 1999  
Employees: 18
20. **Innovative Office Solutions LLC**  
**Jennifer Smith**  
Business to Business Solutions  
Burnsville, MN  
Founded: 2001  
Employees: 70
21. **Pinnacle Petroleum, Inc.**  
**Liz McKinley**  
Energy Products and Services Provider  
Huntington Beach, CA  
Founded: 1995  
Employees: 15
22. **US Gold Buyers, Inc.**  
**Anna Skvirskaya**  
Precious Metal Dealers  
New York, NY  
Founded: 2005  
Employees: 11
23. **ASAP Solutions Group, LLC**  
**Roz Alford**  
**Nancy Williams**  
IT Staffing and Business Solutions  
Norcross, GA  
Founded: 1989  
Employees: 825
24. **MedPro Rx Inc.**  
**Nancy McFarlane**  
Specialty Infusion Pharmacy  
Raleigh, NC  
Founded: 2002  
Employees: 40
25. **Expedien, Inc**  
**Rachna Agarwal**  
Data Integration and Business Analytics  
Houston, TX  
Founded: 2002  
Employees: 106
26. **Mitchell Communications Group, Inc.**  
**Elise S. Mitchell**  
Strategic Business Communications  
Fayetteville, AR  
Founded: 1995  
Employees: 60
27. **DSP Clinical**  
**Darlene Panzitta**  
Contract Research Organization (CRO)  
Parsippany, NJ  
Founded: 1999  
Employees: 40
28. **Cambridge NanoTech**  
**Jill S. Becker**  
Atomic Layer Deposition  
Cambridge, MA  
Founded: 2003  
Employees: 36
29. **Veterans Home Care**  
**Bonnie Laiderman**  
Homecare for Veterans and Veteran Spouses  
St. Louis, MO  
Founded: 2003  
Employees: 96
30. **Strategic Staffing Solutions Inc.**  
**Cynthia J. Pasky**  
Global IT and Business Services  
Detroit, MI  
Founded: 1990  
Employees: 1800
31. **Pinnacle Technical Resources, Inc.**  
**Nina Vaca-Humrichouse**  
Provider of Contingent Staffing Solutions  
Dallas, TX  
Founded: 1996  
Employees: 4500
32. **Tempest Telecom Solutions LLC**  
**Jessica Firestone**  
Telecommunications Equipment & Services  
Santa Barbara, CA  
Founded: 2005  
Employees: 160
33. **Anserteam, LLC**  
**Natalie Davis-Runyan**  
**Valerie Freeman**  
**Sue Romanos**  
**Jennifer Furst**  
Staffing  
Dallas, TX  
Founded: 2004  
Employees: 6
34. **Atrium Staffing**  
**Rebecca Cenni**  
Staffing, Recruitment & Payrolling Services  
New York, NY  
Founded: 1995  
Employees: 89
35. **Akraya, Inc.**  
**Sonu Ratra**  
Technology Staffing Firm  
Sunnyvale, CA  
Founded: 2001  
Employees: 330
36. **Ampcus Inc.**  
**Anjali "Ann" Ramakumaran**  
Technology Consulting  
Chantilly, VA  
Founded: 2004  
Employees: 160
37. **LDJ Productions**  
**Laurie DeJong**  
Event Management  
New York, NY  
Founded: 1999  
Employees: 8
38. **AK Environmental, LLC**  
**Amy Gonzales**  
**Kelly Caldwell**  
Consulting Services  
West Trenton, NJ  
Founded: 2002  
Employees: 100
39. **Spartanburg Meat Processing Co., Inc.**  
**JoAnne LaBounty**  
USDA Inspected Meat Processing Plant.  
Spartanburg, SC  
Founded: 2000  
Employees: 55
40. **Preferred Solutions, Inc.**  
**Marie Seipenko**  
Healthcare IT Services  
Northville, MI  
Founded: 1993  
Employees: 12
41. **Tyndale Company, Inc.**  
**Gail Whittenberger**  
Flame Resistant Clothing  
Pipersville, PA  
Founded: 1981  
Employees: 118
42. **InterConnect USA**  
**Sandra Camponogara**  
Hotel Sales/Reservations  
Ridgefield, NJ  
Founded: 2000  
Employees: 2
43. **C.B. Transportation, Inc.**  
**Carole Borden**  
Third Party Logistics Provider  
Chester Springs, PA  
Founded: 1995  
Employees: 13
44. **Quantum Health, Inc.**  
**Kara Trott**  
Coordinated Healthcare  
Columbus, OH  
Founded: 1999  
Employees: 234
45. **Thomas Stanley Associates LLC**  
**Mary S. Lawlor**  
**Marie E. Dillon**  
Publisher of Corporate Legal Notices  
Ballston Spa, NY  
Founded: 2006  
Employees: 7
46. **One Horn Transportation**  
**Cheryl Biron**  
Trucking and Logistics Services  
Wayne, NJ  
Founded: 2005  
Employees: 3
47. **TransformHealthRx**  
**Allison Judge**  
Employer Onsite Primary Care Clinics  
Statesboro, GA  
Founded: 2006  
Employees: 75
48. **Avant Healthcare Professionals**  
**Shari Dingle Sandifer**  
Healthcare Staffing Industry  
Casselberry, FL  
Founded: 2003  
Employees: 208
49. **Trans-Expedite Inc.**  
**Keeli Jernigan**  
Freight Transportation Arrangement  
El Paso, TX  
Founded: 2001  
Employees: 182
50. **Delta Solutions & Strategies, LLC**  
**Kelly Bain**  
Government Services  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Founded: 2000  
Employees: 109



## About the 50 Fastest

- Average Revenues:  
Grew over \$50 million from 2007 to 2011
- Aggregate 2011 revenue: \$4 billion
- Average revenues in 2007 : \$31.5 million  
In 2009: \$80.1 million
- Average Age: 49
- Average years in business: 15
- 90% founded the business
- 98% offer health insurance
- 100% of current CEOs are actively involved in day-to-day operations

## Members of the Women Presidents' Organization

- Average Revenue: \$13 Million
- Aggregate Revenue: \$17 billion
- Average Years in Business: 22
- Aggregate Years in Business: 28,000
- Average Number of Employees: 94
- Aggregate Number of Employees: 113,500

For more information on the Women Presidents' Organization, please call 212.688.4114 or visit [www.womenpresidentsorg.com](http://www.womenpresidentsorg.com).



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**FIFTY FLOURISHING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS HONORED AT GEORGIA AQUARIUM FOR MAKING A BIG BUSINESS GROWTH SPLASH**

*The Women Presidents' Organization and American Express OPEN Name Top 50 Fastest-Growing Women-Owned/Led Companies*

Atlanta, GA (April 26, 2012) – [The Women Presidents' Organization](#) (WPO), in partnership with [American Express OPEN](#), the small business division of American Express, today released the fifth ranking of the 50 Fastest Growing Women-Owned/led companies in North America. The Top 50 generated a combined \$4 billion in 2011 revenues (mean of \$80.1 million) and collectively employed 26,883 in 2011 (projected 34,550 employees in 2012).

BrightStar, a home healthcare and medical staffing company based in Illinois, has taken the top spot for a second consecutive year. Shelly Sun, president and chief executive officer, who plans to take her business public, saw her 10-year-old company's revenue double in two years from \$51,732,716 in 2009 to \$156,812,048 in 2011.

Cenergy International Services, LLC, a Texas-based energy personnel solutions provider, rose from 25<sup>th</sup> spot on the list last year to second place this year. The company has nearly doubled its revenues (\$62,500,000 in 2009 to \$165,000,000 in 2011) and employment (434 in 2009, 938 in 2011 and 1,100 projected for December 2012).

“This year's Top 50 list is our most diverse ranking ever, with 20 states represented and companies ranging from precious metal dealers to food service distributors,” said Marsha Firestone, Ph. D., president and founder of the WPO. “We are once again pleased to partner with American Express OPEN in paying tribute to these influential women and recognizing their achievements.”

In order to help the Top 50 continue to seize even more business opportunities, each of the honored business owners will be offered a \$500 American Express gift card and potential to be featured on OPENForum.com.

“According to our recent State of Women-Owned Businesses report, women-owned enterprises continue to grow and account for 29% of all companies in the United States,” said Sarah Forger, manager of

customer advocacy at American Express OPEN. “We are thrilled to showcase the successes of our fifty honorees in order to inspire other women to build high-growth businesses.”

All eligible companies were ranked according to a sales growth formula that combines percentage and absolute growth. From this list, the 50 Fastest were selected. To be qualified for the ranking, businesses are required to be privately held, woman-owned/led companies in the U.S. or Canada and have reached revenue of at least \$500,000 by the first week of 2007 and \$2 million in 2011.

More about the 2012 Top 50:

- The average revenue grew from \$31.5 million in 2007 to \$80.1 million in 2011
- Founded the Business: 90%
- Average age: 49
- Average Number of Projected 2012 Employees: 691
- Number of businesses owned by women of color: 14

All 50 companies will be honored at a special event hosted by American Express OPEN at the 2012 WPO Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on April 26, 2012. The awards reception will take place from 6:30 – 9:45PM at the Georgia Aquarium.

The 2012 Top 50 Fastest-Growing Women-Owned/Led Companies are:

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44	Kara Trott	Quantum Health Inc.	Columbus, OH
45	Mary Lawlor, Marie E. Dillon	Thomas Stanley Associates LLC	Ballston Spa, NY
46	Cheryl Biron	One Horn Transportation	Wayne, NJ
47	Allison Judge	Transformhealthrx	Statesboro, GA
48	Shari Dingle Sandifer	Avant Healthcare Professionals	Casselberry, FL
49	Keeli Jernigan	Trans-Expedite Inc.	El Paso, TX
50	Kelly Bain	Delta Solutions & Strategies, LLC	Colorado Springs, CO

### **About the Women Presidents' Organization (WPO)**

The WPO is the premier peer advisory organization connecting women who own multi-million dollar companies. In monthly meetings across four continents (North America, South America, Europe, and Africa) chapters of 20 women presidents – from diverse industries– invest time and energy in themselves and their businesses to drive their corporations to the next level. Local WPO chapters are coordinated by a professional facilitator and meet monthly to share business expertise and experience in a confidential setting. For more information, call 212-688-4114 or visit [www.womenpresidentsorg.com](http://www.womenpresidentsorg.com).

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