

Tops in business growth

MountainWest Venture Group annually ranks Utah's 100 fastest-growing companies. 13 of this year's winners are located in the Top of Utah.

Company Name	Location	2003 Rank	2002 Rank
Innovative Systems Architect Corp.	Layton	8	—
Inovar, Inc.	Logan	21	30
Viranim Technologies, Inc.	Layton	24	—
Dexter's Party Ice, LLC	Farr West	33	21
SN Custom Railing, Inc.	Ogden	34	—
The Logo Shop, Inc.	Logan	42	61
Making Memories Wholesale, Inc.	Centerville	44	—
PC Consulting, Inc.	Kaysville	47	79
Real Property Management Inc.	Layton	67	—
Focus Services, Inc.	Ogden	69	19
SymbolArts LLC	Ogden	81	—
Pallets By Hadley	Ogden	87	73
Heritage Financial Group, Inc.	Ogden	99	—

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Top of Utah firms exhibit high growth

Layton corp. leads 13 area others on fastest-growth list

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SALT LAKE CITY - Thirteen Top of Utah firms were named to an annual list of the state's fastest-growing companies Thursday, some of which appeared on the list for the first time.

MountainWest Venture Group's ninth annual Utah 100 awards ceremony at the Grand America Hotel honored 100 companies statewide that have been in business at least five years and grossed at least \$50,000 in fiscal 1998.

It was the second year in a row that 13 Top of Utah companies placed on the list, but some of the names were different this year.

The highest-ranked company north of Salt Lake City, Layton-based Innovative Systems Architect Corp., placed eighth in its Utah 100 debut. The company's annual revenue has grown from less than \$250,000 in 1998 to more than \$5.6 million last year, executive vice president Larry Mortensen said.

"2002 was our biggest year by far," he said. "Not only did we expand existing contracts, but those customers referred us to others, and we landed several larger integration jobs." The company provides software solutions to commercial and government entities, with Ogden Air Logistics Center as its primary customer.

Of the Top of Utah companies that made last year's list, Kaysville-based PC Consulting Inc. made the biggest upward move in its fourth list appearance, jumping 32 spots to 47th. The company provides software and network management to the time-share vacation industry.

Chief operating officer Jerry Sandorf said that despite the flat economy, the time share industry grew 9 percent last year, which helped boost the company's revenue by 50 percent.

"The demand for our systems remains strong, and we have a solid business model that relies on keeping our customers happy," he said. PC Consulting next month will move from its current 6,000-square foot facility to a brand-new 16,000-square foot building, and plans to add several employees in the near future.

After missing the cut last year, Ogden-based railing, fencing and furniture maker SN Custom Railing Inc. reappeared at No. 34. It first made the list in 2001, coming in 21st. Manager Christy Tobler said the housing boom has helped, but solid ownership by Scott and Kristen Neeley and dedication to customer service have been the company's biggest boons.

"We take the same pride in every job we do, whether it's custom or basic, big or small," she said. Based on recent growth, she expects SN to make next year's list as well.

In addition to the 100 list, three Top of Utah companies received special recognition at Thursday's ceremony. CG4 Solutions Inc., of Centerville, and Heritage West Title Insurance Agency Inc., of Clearfield, were on a list of 14 "Emerging Elite" - companies that demonstrated the most potential for growth.

Also, Icon Health and Fitness placed third out of 15 top-revenue-growth companies. The Logan-based exercise equipment manufacturer has nearly surpassed Utah State University as Cache County's biggest employer.

Salt Lake City online retailer Overstock.com took the No. 1 spot after coming in second last year.

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