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"Nifty Fifty" Women Entrepreneurs Leads Spikes in Sales and Growth

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

VANCOUVER, B.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [The Women Presidents' Organization](#) (WPO), in partnership with [American Express OPEN](#), the small business division of American Express, today released the fourth ranking of the 50 Fastest Growing Women-Owned/led companies in North America. The Top 50 generated a combined \$4.1 billion in 2010 revenues (mean of \$82.7 million) and collectively employed 24,650 in 2010 (projected average for 2011 is 557 employees).

BrightStar, a home healthcare and medical staffing company based in Illinois, rose from the number two spot last year to top the list in 2011. Shelly Sun, president and chief executive officer, who plans to take her business public, saw her nine-year-old company revenue quadruple in two years from \$24,413,433 in 2008 to \$99,142,249 in 2010. Shelly attributes BrightStar's use of social media as a significant factor in her company's rapid revenue growth.

Sierra Nevada Corporation, a Nevada-based electronic systems provider, is new to the list and comes in second both in growth and longevity (the business was founded in 1963). The company has nearly doubled revenues (\$690,000,000 in 2008 to \$1,201,000,000 in 2010) and employment (1,183 in 2008, 2,067 in 2010 and 2,170 projected for 2011).

Rose International, Inc., a contingent workforce services and IT solutions company based in Missouri, is the third fastest-growing company and also a newcomer to the annual ranking. Himanshu Bhatia, owner and chief executive officer, has seen her business employment skyrocket (1,500 in 2008, 5,000 in 2010 and 6,500 projected for 2011) in addition to the company's rapid revenue growth (\$117,000,000 in 2008 to \$230,000,000 in 2010).

"The Top 50 list includes a group of trailblazing women entrepreneurs that represent a variety of industries ranging from staffing to electronic systems providers, language services to security," said Marsha Firestone, Ph. D., president and founder of the WPO. "We are pleased to partner with American Express OPEN to honor these powerful women and recognize their triumphs."

In order to help the Top 50 continue to seize even more business opportunities, each of the honored business owners will be offered a [Business Platinum Card](#) from American Express OPEN. The card will include 100,000 Membership Rewards® points, which may be used on capital investments including: the funding of employee recognition programs, business travel or the purchase of office equipment and supplies.

"Based on American Express OPEN's 'State of Women-Owned Businesses' report, there are an estimated 8.1 million women-owned businesses in the United States, generating nearly \$1.3 trillion in revenues and employing nearly 7.7 million people," said Nancy Hood, Vice President at American Express OPEN. "We at OPEN are honored to support this elite group of women who diversify the full spectrum of industries and have become leaders within the women business community."

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 2006 and \$2 million in 2010.

More about the 2011 Top 50:

- Founded the Business: 90%
- Current CEO is actively involved in the day-to-day operations: 100%
- Average years in business: 16
- Average age: 47
- Average Number of Projected 2011 Employees: 557

All 50 companies will be honored at a special event hosted by American Express OPEN at the 2011 WPO Annual Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on April 28, 2011. The awards reception will take place from 6:30PM to 9:30PM at the Fairmont Vancouver Hotel.

Top 50 Fastest-Growing Women-Owned/Led Companies Include:

1	Shelly Sun	BrightStar	IL	Healthcare staffing
2	Eren Ozmen	Sierra Nevada Corporation	NV	Prime systems integrator
3	Himanshu Bhatia	Rose International, Inc.	MO	Contingent Workforce Services
4	Carolyn Doerle	Doerle Food Services, LLC	LA	Wholesale foodservice distribution
5	Theresa Daytner	Daytner Construction Group	MD	General Contracting Management
6	Rebecca Minkoff	Rebecca Minkoff LLC	NY	Fashion Brand
7	Ranjini Poddar	Artech Information Systems LLC	NJ	IT Consulting
8	Elizabeth Elting	TransPerfect	NY	Language services provider
9	Amy Walden	Walden Security	TN	Contract security service

10 Heidi Ganahl	Camp Bow Wow	CO Dog Day/Night care
11 Carol Koffinke	Beacon Associates, Inc.	MD Management consulting
12 Rachna Agarwal	Expedien, Inc.	TX Business Intelligence
May Cynthia Kaye	US Market Logical CS LogiTech	TX Education and security technologies
14 Jennifer Schoenhofer	Axis Technologies	GA Wireless infrastructure engineering
Amy Gonzales, Kelly		
15 Caldwell	AK Environmental, LLC	NJ Project Management Consulting
		Coordinate Independent Medical
16 Gloria Rajkumar	SIMAC Canada Inc.	ON Assessments
		ICON Information Consultants,
17 Pamela O'Rourke	LP	TX Human Capital solutions
18 Rumia Burbank	Vendor Managed Solutions, Inc.	MI Integrated Materials Management
19 Jill Becker	Cambridge NanoTech	MA Atomic Layer Deposition
20 Carole Borden	C.B. Transportation, Inc	PA Distribution solutions
21 Kiran Gill	PARS Environmental, Inc.	NJ Environmental consulting firm
Vicki Raport, Dr. Linda		
22 Whittaker	Quantum Retail Technology, Inc.	MN Optimization platform and solutions
23 Sue Butler, Tracy Till	Butler/Till	NY Media agency
24 Elaine Osgood	Atlas Travel International	MA Travel agency
		Cenergy International Services,
25 June Ressler	LLC	TX Oil and gas industry staffing
26 Anjali "Ann" Ramakumaran	Ampcus Inc.	VA Consulting services
27 Laurie DeJong	LDJ Productions	NY Event Management Company
28 Paige Lenz	Monarch Site Services	CO Environmental construction
29 Lisa Bair	The Hobart Group	NJ Healthcare communication services
30 Claudine S. George	ICONMA LLC	MI Staffing
31 Roz Alford, Nancy Williams	ASAP Solutions Group, LLC	GA IT Consulting
Kathleen Benson, Susan		
32 Lynd	Office Remedies, Inc.	VA Full-service survey research firm
33 Anita Emoff	Boost Technologies	OH Employee performance tracking
34 Joan Bialek	Bialek Environments	MD Modular interior construction
35 Dr. Lydia Bock	Geodetics, Inc.	CA Civilian and military products
36 Cassandra Sanford	KellyMitchell Group, Inc.	MO Technology staffing
37 Sonu Ratra	Akraya, Inc.	CA IT & Marketing staffing
38 Cynthia Pasky	Strategic Staffing Solutions	MI IT development center
39 Gail Whittenberger	Tyndale Company, Inc.	PA Flame resistant clothing
40 Wendi Goldsmith	Bioengineering Group	MA Ecological engineering
41 Bonnie Laiderman	Veterans Home Care, LLC	MO Veterans home care
42 Lisa Weber	Timeless Decor	NY Custom framing
43 Danielle Waske	DNT Environmental Services, Inc.	GA Environmental Firm
44 Rebecca Cenni	Atrium Staffing LLC	NY Staffing
45 Tanya C. Matthews	TMG Construction Corporation	VA Government general contractor
46 Vickie L. Wessel	Spirit Electronics, Inc.	AZ Superior supply-chain solutions
47 Francine Farkas Sears	Fabrique, Ltd	CT Technology Case Manufacturer
		Mitchell Communications Group,
48 Elise Mitchell	Inc.	AR Strategic communications
49 Jennifer Smith	Innovative Office Solutions	MN B to B provider of office supplies
50 Beatrice P. Key	Key & Associates, P.C.	MD Certified public accounting firm

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.

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