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20 Local Companies on *Inc. 5000* Fastest Growing list

Twenty Huntsville/Madison County companies have just been placed on the *Inc. 5000* Fastest Growing Companies List, ranked by three-year revenue growth.

Here are the local companies on the *Inc. 5000* and their revenue growth:

Rank	Company	3-Yr % Growth
397	**Summit 7 Systems**	**1125%**
422	**Five Stones Research**	**1076%**
434	**Yorktown Systems Group**	**1057%**
853	**Connected Logistics**	**524%**
1,046	**Bevilacqua Research**	**407%**
1,256	**Appleton Learning**	**327%**
1,476	**PeopleTec**	**270%**
1,812	**Torch Technologies**	**212%**
1,865	**GATR Technologies**	**204%**
2,267	**i3**	**161%**
2,576	**nLogic**	**137%**
2,616	Xarisma	134%
2,645	**Media Fusion**	**133%**
2,664	**GaN**	**132%**
3,002	**AEgis Technologies Group**	**112%**
3,366	**PPT Solutions**	**93%**
3,393	**A-P-T Research**	**92%**
3,656	**U.S. Diagnostics**	**81%**
3,981	**IronMountain Solutions**	**68%**
4,097	**Manufacturing Technical Solutions**	**64%**

Bold = Chamber member

New EDPA Database to Help Site Searches with Layers of Information

The most-visited economic development website in the state is slated for a major upgrade, with the help of Huntsville-based AEgis Technologies.

The site and building database maintained by the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama is in the midst of a transformation that will still enable companies and site consultants to find available property for projects but will also be able to do much more.

The improved site, to be known as "Alabama Interactive," will allow users to zoom in on a site with satellite imagery and even look at the topographic map of an area. County profiles looking at everything from population to education levels will also be added.

AEgis business management manager Barlow Blake said EDPA is upping the ante when it comes to a website like this.

"They are definitely forward-thinking and pushing the envelope," Blake said. "This is going to be a value-added tool for the entire state."

Blake said EDPA's work soliciting input from site consultants, corporations, local economic developers and other users of the site are contributing greatly to the final design of the database.

The layering capabilities will enable users to bring up a variety of information for the entire state or for a more narrow region.

"Because of the platform that is being constructed, we have an unlimited technical ability to add other layers of information," said Greg Knighton, vice president with EDPA.

The current site database at EDPA is already a leading site searching tool in economic development, acknowledged throughout the U.S. as a leader in the industry. The site contains 479 sites and 498 buildings suited for economic development opportunities.

The database gets more than 600 searches per day and the website gets 2.4 million hits per year.

Knighton said like everything else in economic development, the challenge is to try to stay a step ahead of the competition.

"Our database has served us well," Knighton said. "However, if we are to remain competitive, we must stay in step with our competition. The new database will not only put us on the same playing field with our competition, but will put us ahead with a unique product."

A different interface will bring up the partners who make up the EDPA, particularly those that have an active role in economic development, such as utility companies and banks.

In October and November, EDPA plans to begin testing and training of the new site. The plan is to take the site live to the public on Dec. 16.

At that time, Blake said he hopes the entire economic development community takes notice.

"We definitely hope it's groundbreaking for the entire industry," he said. "This is going to be the way to use technology for economic development in the future." •

Navy Taps AMRDEC for Presidential Helicopter Cockpit Upgrade

The leading helicopter in the U.S. President's rotary-wing fleet — White Hawk — will soon be upgraded at the Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC) Software Engineering Directorate (SED) at Redstone Arsenal.

The upgrade will include support of the Common Avionics Architecture System under the Navy's Cockpit Upgrade Program.

The Aviation Mission Planning System team at AMRDEC's SED has experience developing mission-planning software for CAAS cockpits, including the Marine Corps heavy-lift Super Stallion and the Chinook. SED engineers will develop VH-60N mission-planning software.

The Aviation Mission Planning System team produces AMPS, its namesake hardware and software package, for Army aviation. It also customizes AMPS for various Foreign Military Sales customers, and produces other solutions, from components to systems, for mission-planning workflows across the U.S. military.

"Our previous success with Rockwell Collins enabled us to secure this effort," said Mark Hundschied, project lead for SED's presidential helicopter mission planning. "Our development team enjoys an excellent relationship with the project office, communicating frequently and candidly to deliver high-quality products."

The VH-60N White Hawk, assigned to Marine Helicopter Squadron One, is a twin-engine, all-weather helicopter that supports the executive transport mission for the President of the United States. •