
Nextone Communications Tops Deloitte's Maryland Technology Fast 50 Ranking Of Fastest-Growing Technology Companies, With 7,901 Percent Growth OVER Five Years

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WASHINGTON, D.C., September 29, 2006 — NexTone Communications tops the list of the fastest growing technology companies in Maryland as recognized by Deloitte & Touche LLP and Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP at an award event held September 28 at The Sequoia in Georgetown. Called the "Maryland Technology Fast 50," the annual award program ranks technology companies located in Maryland by revenue growth.

"Deloitte's Maryland Technology Fast 50 companies have shown the strength, vision and tenacity to succeed in today's very competitive technology environment," said Mr. Andy Harris, Deloitte's southeast regional managing partner for the Technology, Media and Telecommunications Industry Practice based in McLean, VA. "We applaud the successes of NexTone Communications and acknowledge it as one of the very few to accomplish such an impressive growth rate over the past five years."

"The success of this year's ranked companies in Maryland prove technology strength across the state. These Maryland companies compete with companies across the nation and are able to grow at an impressive rate, which demonstrates the economic fitness of the state," said Mr. William J. Perlstein, co-managing partner of WilmerHale. Congratulations to these companies for this accomplishment and their continued growth."

Winners are selected based on percentage revenue growth over five years from 2001 to 2005. To be considered, Technology Fast 50 entrants must: have operating revenues of at least \$50,000 in 2001 and at least \$5,000,000 in 2005; be headquartered in Maryland; be a "technology company," defined as a company that owns proprietary technology that contributes to a significant portion of its operating revenues; or devotes a significant proportion of revenues to the research and development of technology. Using other companies' technology in a unique way does not qualify. Subsidiaries and divisions are not eligible, unless they have some public ownership and are separately traded.

The Technology Fast 50 company ranking is as follows:

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Rank	Company Name	City	5yr%
1	NexTone Communications	Gaithersburg	7901%
2	Vapotherm	Stevensville	3896%
3	LogicTree Corp.	Bowie	3089%
4	BroadSoft	Gaithersburg	2171%
5	CollabraSpace, Inc.	Annapolis	1988%
6	United Therapeutics Corporation	Silver Spring	1923%
7	SafeNet, Inc.	Belcamp	1351%
8	Martek Biosciences Corp.	Columbia	1058%
9	iBiquity Digital	Columbia	728%
10	Wealth Engine	Bethesda	606%
11	CBay Systems	Annapolis	590%
12	SP Systems	Greenbelt	585%
13	Catapult Technology, Ltd.	Bethesda	567%
14	NETCONN Solutions	Hagerstown	554%
15	GenVec, Inc.	Gaithersburg	501%
16	CSI Engineering	Beltsville	497%
17	Paradigm Infotech	Columbia	427%
18	Welocalize, Inc.	Frederick	370%
19	Systems Integration and Development	Rockville	340%
20	International Software Systems	Greenbelt	310%
21	Gryphon	Riverdale	305%
22	Vocus, Inc.	Lanham	253%
23	Digene Corporation	Gaithersburg	237%
24	EntreMed, Inc.	Rockville	218%
25	Advanced Concepts	Columbia	205%

26	CNSI	Rockville	203%
27	Breakaway Ltd.	Hunt Valley	180%
28	Barcoding, Inc.	Baltimore	170%
29	Chesapeake Research and review	Columbia	168%
30	Optelecom Inc	Germantown	157%
31	Ingenium	Upper Marlboro	142%
32	Integral Systems, Inc.	Lanham	141%
33	Metastorm, Inc.	Baltimore	135%
34	Infinite Computer Solutions	Rockville	129%
35	United Industrial Corp.	Hunt Valley	117%
36	MedImmune, Inc.	Gaithersburg	101%
37	OPNET Technologies, Inc.	Bethesda	95%
38	NMR Consulting	Annapolis	95%
39	Capital Technology Info Services, Inc.	Rockville	89%
40	CoStar Group, Inc.	Bethesda	85%
41	MICROS Systems, Inc.	Columbia	84%
42	Gene Logic Inc.	Gaithersburg	83%
43	QSS Group, Inc.	Lanham	83%
44	Human Genome Sciences	Rockville	49%
45	Savantage Solutions	Rockville	48%
46	TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.	Annapolis	47%
47	Dataprise, Inc.	Rockville	46%
48	Avatech Solutions, Inc.	Owings Mills	24%
49	Spherix Incorporated	Beltsville	16%
50	WorldSpace, Inc.	Silver Spring	16%

A special category called “Rising Stars” recognizes the five fastest growing technology companies based on revenue growth over three years (2003–2005).

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Rank	Company Name	City	3yr%
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