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Fast Track Awards Go To IT Companies

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ANN ARBOR – Information Technology companies made up nearly half of this year's Fast Track Award winners, the first time that's happened.

To be nominated for a Fast Track Award, presented by the Washtenaw Development Council, companies had to register at least 20 percent annual growth in revenues for the previous three years. IT companies receiving the award for the first time this year were Biotechnology Business Consultants LLC; ClinSite Inc.; Gene Codes Corp.; InterConnect of Ann Arbor; and Web Elite.

"Nearly 50 percent of this year's Fast Track Award winners are IT-related companies - the first year that's happened," said Susan Lackey, president of the Washtenaw Development Council. "It's a statement that the information technology industry is really beginning to come of age here.

"But what's even more interesting to me, is that the same diversity of business products that all 21 Fast Track winners represent, is exemplified in the IT folks," Lackey said. "We've got software applications, web design, e-commerce and a whole range of others that make it clear that there are no limits on what can be achieved in Washtenaw County."

The Fast Track Awards were open to any Washtenaw County public or private company, that registered at least $100,000 in gross revenues in 1997, with average annual growth of 20 percent or more for the following three years.

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