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Seven local firms make Inc. 500 list

Central Ohio had the strongest representation in the state on Inc. magazine's annual list of the country's fastest-growing private companies.

Of the 17 Ohio companies that made the Inc. 500 list this year, seven were from Central Ohio, six were based in the Cleveland area and four were from the Cincinnati area.

The local winners and their ranks were:

- Fiber Network Solutions Inc. (68), a Columbus-based Internet- and network-services provider.

- Meritage Technologies Inc. (69), a Columbus-based technology-consulting firm.

- Astute Inc. (258), a Columbus-based provider of customer-service management services.

- Transition Products Inc. (269), a Columbus-based distributor of computer parts and equipment.

- PK Controls Inc. (360), a Worthington-based engineering-services firm.

- Progressive Medical Inc. (396), a Westerville-based health care-products supplier.

- Power On Software Inc. (472), a New Albany-based developer of calendar and contact-management software.