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EMERGING BUSINESS

Ellerbe Fine Foods

Richard King, Co-Owner/General Manager

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www.ellerbefinefoods.com

Award-winning restaurant and market, Ellerbe Fine Foods highlights the freshest local, seasonal ingredients in its elegant, innovative, farm-to-table cuisine. Chef Molly McCook's evolving seasonal menus feature locally grown, sustainable products. Ellerbe purchases produce, dairy, and meats from local partner farmers, using their ingredients to create beautiful and delicious foods for your plate. Ellerbe also offers catering and special event services on and off-site, as well as in-home chef special event services. While the farm-to-table movement is currently in vogue, knowing their farmers and where their food comes from is a business model and way of life that Ellerbe truly prescribes to.

McCune Construction Services Group, LLC

Steve McCune, Member

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www.mccunecompanies.com

McCune Construction Services Group, LLC was established in December of 2010 by Steve McCune and Joe Griltz. It provides banks, attorneys, architects and others with construction management services including funds monitoring, construction management, general contracting, construction cost analysis, expert witnessing and consulting. The firm is proudly marketed as a Fort Worth, Texas based small business that specializes in construction management services. Steve McCune and Joe Griltz are quick to credit the firm's success to the McCune Team. Every member of the Team is passionate about their role in the firm. This passion consistently produces a high level of customer satisfaction ratings and positive feedback received from clients.

Peloton Land Solutions, LLLP

Aric Head, Richard Payne, Patrick Smith, Managing Partners

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www.pelotonland.com

Peloton Land Solutions is a planning and engineering firm comprised of professional engineers, planners, surveyors, environmental scientists, and support staff. Founded in early 2010 by partners Aric Head, Richard Payne and Patrick Smith, Peloton Land Solutions has achieved rapid and sustainable growth by providing a multidisciplinary team to aggressively pursue their clients' land development interests. In less than two years, they have grown from a small core of personnel to more than 35 people. They insist on a practical approach, tempered with a thorough knowledge of the local political-regulatory climate, empowering their clients to make sound and profitable land development decisions.

1-10 EMPLOYEES

Elements of Architecture, Inc.

Deborah Fulwiler, AIA, President

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www.ElementsOfArc.com

Elements of Architecture, Inc., established in 1996, is an architectural firm specializing in design, planning, and management services. They are committed to providing their clients with solutions that will help them advance in their goals with innovative design services based on needs and vision. Elements of Architecture, Inc. provides a high level of quality and customer service skills that add value to their clients' projects. Services encompass the programming phase through construction for new or renovated facilities. Their success is based on three fundamental objectives: providing quality design, timely response and service, and positively impacting their environment.

IFC Benefit Solutions, Inc.

John E. Merrifield, President

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www.ifcbenefitsolutions.com

IFC Benefit Solutions, Inc., established in 1987 by John E. Merrifield, CLU, RHU, REBC, is a full-service insurance brokerage firm specializing in employee benefits such as group medical, dental, life, disability, and retirement plans in Texas and other states. As a client benefit advisor, they provide a comprehensive consultative approach to benefit analysis, customized design, implementation, and management that helps their clients attract and retain employees. They utilize state of the art technology for service, enrollment, and benefit websites. Solutions are based on their clients' corporate and strategic objectives, as well as their bottom line.

Rhodes Securities, Inc.

Jim G. Rhodes, President

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Rhodes Securities, Inc. is a full-service independent broker/dealer founded by Jim Rhodes in 1987. Their clientele consists of individuals and small businesses in need of investment advice related to stock, bond, insurance, and mutual fund markets. Through hands-on management and customer service, Rhodes Securities, Inc. strives to create a professional, productive environment, resulting in financial success for their associates and clients. Given the 2008 financial crisis, the worst since the Great Depression, and the continuously unstable market that has resulted, the company has performed impressively. They will celebrate their 25th anniversary in 2012 and are proud to be a stable, viable company.

11-50 EMPLOYEES

Hahnfeld Hoffer Stanford

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Since 1963, Hahnfeld Hoffer Stanford has been involved in a wide variety of architectural, planning, and design projects. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, their firm has developed a specialty base in institutional, educational, faith-based, cultural, and commercial facilities, with a strong reputation for providing responsive, quality-oriented projects. An ability to effectively communicate within a team environment while delivering innovative projects is the true measure of their success. Today, Hahnfeld Hoffer Stanford is one of the largest independent full-service architecture firms in the region and has nearly tripled in size over the past 15 years.

O.B. Macaroni Company

Jenni Ratliff, President/CEO & Gene Ratliff, Executive Vice-President/Chief Marketing Officer

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www.obmacaroni.com

In 1899 two ambitious Italians, Giovanni Bastista Laneri and Louis Biccocchi, joined forces in the back of Mr. Biccocchi's grocery store and created the Fort Worth Macaroni Company. In 1905 the company incorporated and moved to its current location, a converted carriage house, which has been enlarged and annexed over the years. In 1959 the company changed its name to O.B. Macaroni Company reflecting the importance of its "Our Best" line of pasta. Four generations of the Laneri family controlled the company until its sale in 2009 to current owners, Gene and Jenni Ratliff. They proudly serve the Hispanic community with their Q&Q brand, most famously known for the Q&Q Fideo in the "Yellow Box." Between their two product lines, O.B. Macaroni Company produces millions of pounds of pasta each year.

Texas Jet, Inc.

Reed Pigman, Jr., President

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Now in its 34th year at Fort Worth Meacham International Airport, Texas Jet, Inc. is a Fixed Base Operator (FBO), an executive terminal that sells fuel and rents hanger space to private aircraft (primarily business jets). Texas Jet introduced Ritz-Carlton customer service training in 2006, leading to pilots voting it the #1 Best U.S. FBO in 2009 and 2010, and the #1 Star FBO in 2011. Texas Jet pumps 70 percent of the fuel at Meacham International Airport against a combined 30 percent by its four competitors. Texas Jet just completed its 20th hanger, bringing their total hanger space to 350,000 square feet.

51-150 EMPLOYEES

Downtown Garage, a subsidiary of Car Concepts, Inc.

Ricky Stephenson, CEO

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www.downtown-garage.com & www.carconceptsinc.com

Downtown Garage is a subsidiary of Car Concepts, Inc., a 2009, 2010 and 2011 U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Blue Ribbon Award winning chain of automotive repair and tire locations. They provide a full range of automotive repair services for domestic and imported vehicles. Their core services range from all preventive maintenance items to advanced services that address complex vehicle issues. Most Car Concepts, Inc. facilities are certified AAA Approved Auto Repair Centers, and are authorized independent dealers for Goodyear, Michelin, Bridgestone-Firestone, Continental-General, and other major brands. Car Concepts, Inc.'s locations are staffed with Automotive Service Excellence certified technicians.

Harris Packaging Corporation

Jana Harris-Bickford, President/CEO

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www.harrispackaging.com

Harris Packaging Corporation began in 1976 by Joe and Joyce Harris. It manufactures corrugated shipping boxes as well as POP displays and folding cartons. The facility has grown to over 200,000 square feet of manufacturing and office space in Haltom City, and 50,000 square feet of folding carton manufacturing space in Mansfield. Harris Packaging Corporation is one of the largest sheet plants in Texas and is one of only a few to have a folding carton facility. In late 2009, majority ownership transitioned to daughters Jana and Jenise. In 2010, Harris Packaging Corporation became a certified Woman Owned Business by National, State, and Regional associations.

Professional Flooring Supply

Dan Lee, President & Debbie Lee, CEO

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www.ProfessionalFlooring.com

Professional Flooring Supply was established in 1977. More than 34 years later, they are still going strong with 15 stores in seven states. They are committed to providing the floor covering professional with the finest selection of installation tools and materials available. Professional Flooring Supply has a proud past and a bright future, and they are proud to be a family business with family values. The second and now third generation, along with the entire extended Professional Flooring Supply family, are looking forward to, and planning for a dynamic future. They were named "Family Business of the Year" by Baylor Universities' Institute for Family Business in 2011.