



Growing Strong

Celebrating the growing power of women's businesses, Entrepreneur and the Women Presidents' Organization teamed up to bring you the top 50 fastest-growing women-led companies.

By Nichole L. Torres | [Entrepreneur Magazine](#) - November 2007

40. Ideal System Solutions

IT Solutions - Maple Grove, MN

Elise Hernandez

Began: 1996

Initial Investment: \$1,000

2002 sales: \$6.5 million

2006 sales: \$31 million

Best Advice:

"Do your research and plan every aspect of how your business will operate. Once that plan is formulated, don't be afraid to make changes to accommodate growth or the unforeseen."

Biggest Challenge:

"Historically, [technology](#) has been a male-dominated field. I had to make sure that I was well-versed in all areas of technology to be taken seriously."