Meet the freshmen class

6 companies that are making their first appearance on the Top 100 Private Companies list.

BERNHARD ENERGY SOLUTIONS

RANK: No. 10
REVENUE: $500,000,000


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Bernhard Energy Solutions is one of seven portfolio companies created in 2015 by Bernhard Capital Partners, or BCP, the private equity firm founded by Jim Bernhard (right) and three of his top executives from The Shaw Group after that company's acquisition by CB&I. The company formed after BCP acquired and combined four existing companies, including the Lafayette-based Bernhard Mechanical, founded in 1919 in Baton Rouge by Jim Bernhard's grandfather. The business now has 2,000 employees working from 27 locations, with clients such as Duke University, Walt Disney World and the Louis Armstrong International Airport.

MASTER VAC INDUSTRIAL SERVICES/DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

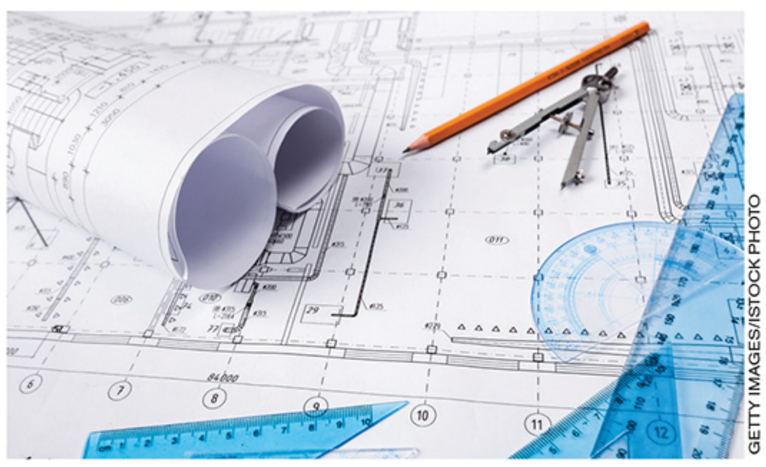
RANK: No. 81
REVENUE: $43,000,000


COURTESY MASTER VAC

Headquartered in Geismar, Master Vac Industrial Services has offered commercial vacuum cleaning services since the company was established in 1998. The regional service company, owned by Brent Upton, has three other locations in Fourchon, Louisiana; Charlotte, Texas; and Brandon, Mississippi. Over the years, the company's "turnkey" service line has expanded to also include a municipal division with vacuum and jetting combination units and high definition pipe inspection cameras, as well a marine tank cleaning division to service the marine industry.

WHPACIFIC, INC.

RANK: No. 90
REVENUE: $33,000,000


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WHPacific, Inc. is a Portland, Oregon-based construction engineering company that specializes in designing projects for harsh climates and extreme weather conditions. It is majority owned by a partnership between two Louisiana families: the Chouest family, which has owned and operated the Edison Chouest Offshore family of companies since 1960, and the Pregeant family, which founded Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc. in 1948. The company—which formed as ASCG Incorporated in 1981 and changed its name to WHPacific, Inc. in 2007—operates as a subsidiary of NANA Development Corporation, Inc. In addition to Baton Rouge, the firm has Louisiana offices in Gretna and Houma, as well as locations in seven other states.

COMPLIANCE ENVIROSYSTEMS

RANK: No. 91
REVENUE: $32,296,274


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Compliance EnviroSystems, a full service professional sanitary sewer and storm drain evaluation provider, has assisted engineering firms, wastewater utility contractors and municipalities in maintaining sewer systems across the United States since it was formed in 1995. Headquartered in Baton Rouge, CES employs more than 145 people. The Discovery Channel in Canada recently featured the CES team on its mission to clean out New Orleans' catch basins and large diameter mainline pipes clogged by 7.2 million pounds of debris, including 93,000 pounds of Mardi Gras beads on St. Charles Avenue.

ARCCO COMPANY SERVICES, INC.

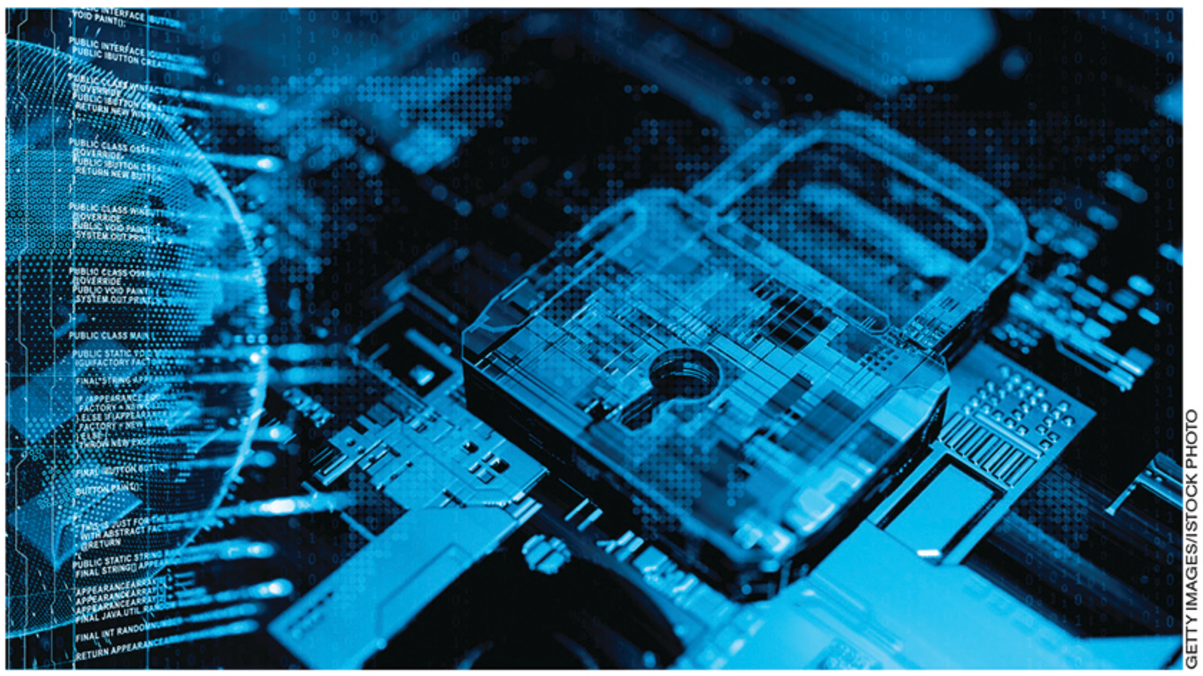
RANK: No. 94
REVENUE: $31,031,724


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This Baton Rouge-based manufacturer, strategically located near the Port of Baton Rouge and several other Gulf Coast ports, sells new and used generators everywhere from Venezuela to South Africa. The company also has a minority JV Partnership servicing the Caribbean, headquartered in Jamaica. Locally, ARCCO Power Systems provided over 200 generators to the rebuild effort caused by the 2016 flood, according to its website. The company also has a contract with GOHSEP, meaning that, in declared statewide emergencies, ARCCO sources and supplies generator service, rentals and accessories throughout Louisiana.

TRANSFORMYX

RANK: No. 99
REVENUE: $26,949,755


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Over the course of acquisitions and mergers, Transformyx, founded in 1987 as a custom software integrator and networking firm, has grown to now serve 1,000 clients throughout the United States. The computer consulting firm services financial, education, government, healthcare, legal, along with mid-market and commercial enterprises. With a corporate office in Baton Rouge, the company also has a satellite office in New Orleans, as well as a data center in Dallas. Transformyx has state contracts with various companies, including Hewlett Packard Enterprises and Cisco, among others.