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S.C. tech firms top job creators in annual Inc. report

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Three tech firms ranked as the top job creators among private businesses in South Carolina, according to Inc. magazine's second annual [Hire Power Awards](#).

Chapin-based General Information Services Inc., a provider of full-service background screening and risk management products, ranked No. 1 in job creation over an 18-month span between Jan. 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, the publication said.

GIS added 147 jobs and has a total of 652 employees, the magazine said. GIS Systems reported annual revenues of \$50 million to \$100 million.

According to the company's website, GIS employs people at its Chapin headquarters, western operations center in Dallas, and sales offices throughout the nation.

Ranked No. 2 was [Unitrends Inc.](#), headquartered in Columbia. During the 18-month period, Unitrends added 134 positions and reported having 228 on the payroll.

The data protection and disaster recovery firm reported annual revenues of \$20 million to \$50 million, the magazine said.

Mount Pleasant-headquartered [Ishpi](#) was ranked No. 3, adding 75 jobs for a total of 140.

The company, which provides information service support for the intelligence community, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, reported annual revenues of \$10 million to \$20 million.









Other privately owned businesses that were top job creators in South Carolina are as follows:

- No. 4, Ikon Financial Group, Isle of Palms. The financial services company, which reported revenues of \$100 million to \$500 million, added 67 positions and has 90 employees.
- No. 5, Wireless Communications, Greenville. The Verizon Wireless retailer, reporting revenues of \$20 million to \$50 million, added 44 workers and has 250 employees.
- No. 6, WDS, Lake Wylie. The company, which manufactures standard and machine parts, added 36 positions for a total of 83. WDS reported revenues of \$100 million to \$500 million.
- No. 7, Customer Effective Solutions, Greenville. The IT services company, reporting revenues of \$5 million to \$10 million, added 35 employees for a total of 91.
- No. 8, Rewined Candles, Charleston. The provider of consumer products and services added 25 employees for a total of 30. The company reported revenues of less than \$2 million.

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Introducing the 2013 Hire Power Awards honorees. This impressive crop of companies are creating jobs-- 51,327 in 18 months, to be exact--and keeping the economy moving forward

COMPANY NAME	JOBS CREATED	EMPLOYEES	INDUSTRY	REVENUE RANGE	CITY	STATE
General						
1 Information Services	147	652	 Human Resources	\$50-\$100 million	Chapin	SC
2 Unitrends	134	228	 Software	\$20-\$50 million	Columbia	SC
3 SHPI	75	140	 IT Services	\$10-\$20 million	Mt. Pleasant	SC
4 Ikon Financial Group	67	90	 Financial Services	100-500mm	Isle of Palms	SC
5 Wireless Communications	44	250	 Retail	\$20-\$50 million	Greenville	SC
6 WDS	36	83	 Manufacturing	100-500mm	Lake Wylie	SC
7 Customer Effective Solutions	35	91	 IT Services	\$5-\$10 million	Greenville	SC
8 Rewined Candles	25	30	 Consumer Products & Services	Under \$2 million	Charleston	SC

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