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No. 29: Thompson Street Capital Partners



Jim Cooper

2010 revenue: \$580 million +22.1%

Thompson Street Capital Partners increased revenue by \$105 million over 2009, despite the recession.

“Our companies continued to grow, both organically and via complementary acquisitions,” said Jim Cooper, majority owner and senior managing partner of the private equity firm that has completed more than 135 acquisitions in more than 15 years. “We were also able to make several strong stand-alone acquisitions.”

Thompson Street acquired Barcodes Inc. of Chicago, a reseller of automatic identification and data-capture products; Colo4 of Dallas, a colocation service provider and data center in Dallas; Thermon, of San Marcos, Texas, a manufacturer of heat-tracing equipment serving diverse end-markets around the world; and Express Oil Change & Service Center of Birmingham, Ala. Terms of the deals were not disclosed.

“We are still very actively seeking acquisitions, with resources in place to acquire and support profitable leaders in niche markets through 2011 and beyond,” Cooper said.