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## TOP 150 privately held companies

**Revenue: \$590 million**

### THOMPSON STREET CAPITAL PARTNERS

Thompson Street Capital Partners, a private equity firm, saw its revenue increase to \$590 million in 2006 from \$500 million in 2005.

Jim Cooper, managing principal, said the firm closed on a \$300 million private equity fund last month. Thompson Street then acquired three electrical component and manufacturing distribution companies: Tacoma Electric Supply LLC in Tacoma, Wash., and Connecticut Electric & Switch Manufacturing Co. and Parallax Power Supply LLC, both based in Anderson, Ind. Cooper declined to disclose terms.

In February 2006, Thompson Street sold its majority stake in Quincy, Ill.-based Broadcast Electronics Inc. for more than \$100 million to Boston-based Audax Group. Thompson Street had bought the stake in Broadcast Electronics in January 2004 for an undisclosed amount.

Cooper and Peter Finley co-founded Clayton-based Thompson Street in 2001. Joining them on the senior management team are Thomas D'Ovidio, managing director; Peter Villhard, managing director; and Harry Holiday III, managing director, operations. The firm employs 16 people locally and 800 nationwide.



**Jim Cooper**



**Peter Finley**