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Local companies featured in 10/12 corridor magazine

Seven St. Tammany-based business entities are among the enterprises profiled in a recent cover story in the 10/12 Magazine titled, "50 Companies We Can't Do Without."

Abita Brewery, Bevolo Gas & Electric Lights, Florida Marine Transporters, Smoothie King, Stirling Properties, Textron Marine and Zen-Noh Grain are all featured in the story, said Brenda Reine-Bertus, executive director of the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation. The seven companies have headquarters or major bases of operations in St. Tammany Parish.

In the introduction to the story, 10/12 editors spell out the criteria for selecting the 50 companies – important because of the national or global footprint; notable for innovation;

good corporate citizens; or critical to key industries.

1012, which covers business and culture-related stories along the Interstate 10 and Interstate 12 corridor from Texas to Mississippi, solicited input from economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, Louisiana Economic Development and a network of regional contacts.

"We're very proud that our parish is home to such a large percentage of these companies," Reine-Bertus said. "Not just the number, but the diversity of industries represented by these businesses is a testament to our vitality as a community."

To read the full article in 1012, visit www.1012corridor.com/news/2010.may/01/50-companies-we-cant-do-without/.