

Oldest New Orleans-area companies

(ranked by year founded locally)

Name Address	Telephone Website	Year founded locally Company headquarters	No. local full-time employees	Founder's name Family-owned business	Nature of business	Top local executive
Kidcam Summer Camps 1919 Veterans Blvd., Suite 303 Kenner 70062	472-5437 www.KidcamCamps.com	1974 Kenner	3	Jimmy Stubbs N	summer day camp	Mario Bazile, president
Pace Systems 824 Dakin St. Jefferson 70121	837-4224 www.pacesys.com	1975 Jefferson	6	Peter Schulman Y	audio-visual	Peter Schulman, president
Berning Marketing 710 Papworth Ave. Metairie 70005	834-8811 www.berningmarketing.com	1975 Metairie	20	Robert H. Berning Y	marketing and public relations	Robert H. Berning, president and owner
New Orleans Steamboat Co./ Steamboat Natchez 400 N. Peters St., Suite 203 New Orleans 70130	586-8777 www.SteamboatNatchez.com	1975 New Orleans	90	Wilbur Dow Jr. Y	tourism	M. Gordon Stevens III, president and CEO
Peaches Records 408 N. Peters St. New Orleans 70130	282-3322 NA	1975 New Orleans	12	Harris Rea Y	music retail	Shirani Rea, president
Stirling Properties 109 Northpark Blvd., Suite 300 Covington 70433	(985) 898-2022 www.stirlingprop.com	1976 Covington	72	James E. Maurin N	real estate	Martin A. Mayer, president and CEO
Gibbs Construction 5736 Citrus Blvd., Suite 200 Harahan 70123	733-4336 www.gibbsconstruction.com	1976 Harahan	135	Lawrence C. Gibbs Y	commercial contractor	Lawrence C. Gibbs, CEO
Audio Visual Mart Inc. 603 Williams Blvd. Kenner 70062	712-0400 www.av-mart.com	1977 Kenner	15	John T. Payton Jr. Y	audio visual sales	J. Patrick Payton, president
Welliver Video Productions 3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Metairie 70002	831-5288 welliverproductions.com, wellivertv.net	1977 Metairie	1	Ray Welliver Y	video production	Billy B. Welliver, owner, Welliver Productions
Blessey Enterprises Inc. 1515 River Oaks Road East Harahan 70123	734-1156 www.blessey.com	1978 Harahan	564	Walter E. Blessey Jr. Y	towing company	Walter E. Blessey Jr., CEO
F.A. Richard and Associates (FARA) 1625 W. Causeway Approach Mandeville 70471	(985) 624-8383 www.fara.com	1978 Mandeville	135	Francis A. Richard N	claims administration, health care management, risk control services	M. Todd Richard, president and CEO
Worknet Staffing 616 N. Causeway Blvd. Metairie 70001	779-9040 www.worknet2000.com	1978 Metairie	8	John Owensby and Ted Kritikos Y	staffing agency	Adam Bermudez, president
Petrotech Inc. 141 James Drive West St. Rose 70087	620-6600 www.petrotechinc.com	1978 St. Rose	65	Moore-Irwin-Dwyer N	industrial automation and control equipment	John A. Kazour, president and CEO
DonahueFavret Contractors Inc. 3030 East Causeway Approach Mandeville 70448	(985) 626-4431 www.donahuefavret.com	1979 Mandeville	48	John "Jack" Donahue Jr. Y	general contractor	Jack Donahue, chairman of the board
Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects 300 Lafayette St., Suite 200 New Orleans 70130	523-6472 www.sizelerthompsonbrown.com	1979 New Orleans	46	I. William Sizeler N	architecture	I. William Sizeler, principal
Christopher's Photography 4521 W. Napoleon Ave. Metairie 70001	454-1225 chris@4541225.com	1980 Metairie	1	George Mathews N	photography	George Mathews Christopher Mathews, owner
Meltzer Properties 4621 West Napoleon Ave., Suite 106 Metairie 70112	885-8400 www.meltzerproperties.com	1980 Metairie	2	Jeff Meltzer and John Meltzer Y	real estate	John A. Meltzer, president
I.S.H. Inc. 4713 Utica St. Metairie 70006	885-6391 www.ish1.com	1980 Metairie	50	Abe Messing N	industrial safety and health services	Marion Pillwein Messing, owner
Columns Hotel 3811 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115	899-9308 columnshl@aol.com	1980 New Orleans	14	Claire Creppel Y	hotel, lounge	Claire Binet Creppel, president
The New Orleans School of Cooking 524 St. Louis St. New Orleans 70130	525-2665 www.nosoc.com	1980 New Orleans	15	Joe Cahn Y	tourism	Gregory Leighton Bruce Trascher
WWOZ 90.7 FM New Orleans 1008 North Peters St. New Orleans 70116	568-1239 www.wwoz.org	1980 New Orleans	12	Jerry and Walter Brock N	radio	David Freedman, general manager

The above information was provided by the companies themselves. Any additions or corrections should be sent on company letterhead to Research, New Orleans CityBusiness Newspaper, 111 Veterans Blvd., Suite 1440, Metairie, LA 70005.