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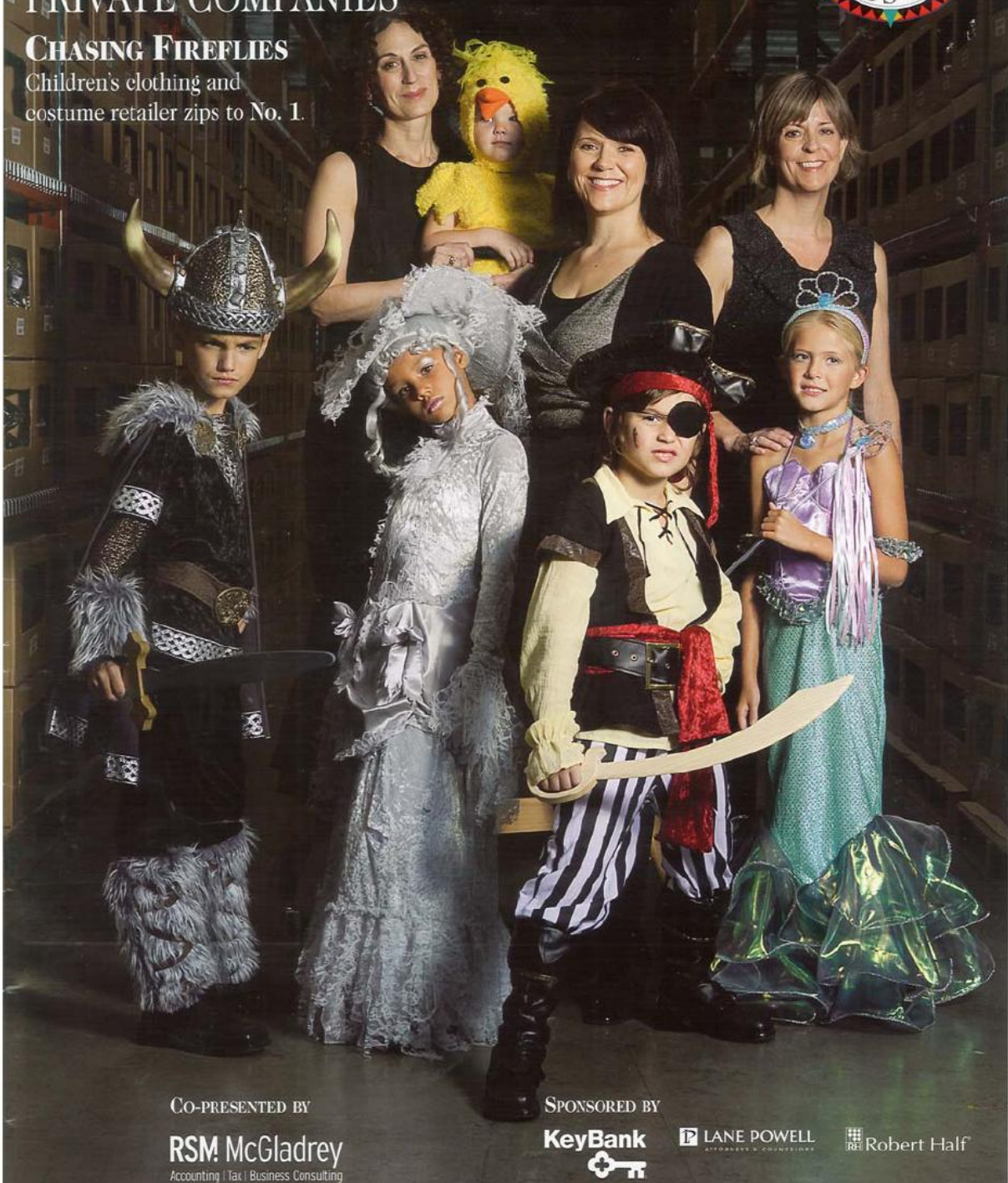
# FASTEST-GROWING



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## 100 FASTEST GROWING PRIVATE COMPANIES

# Inside the 100 Fastest Growing Private Companies

**Teragren Fine Bamboo Flooring, Panels & Veneer: #66**

What a difference a year makes!

In a year filled with economic turmoil like 2009, fast growth can sound like the punch line to a joke. But it's no joke.

This year, the 100 **Fastest-Growing Private Companies** slammed headfirst into the recession, yet they are thriving and growing.

To be sure, rate of growth is slower than just a year ago. Last year, the 100th fastest-growing company in Washington experienced a three-year revenue growth spurt of 60.5 percent.

This year, the 100th fastest-growing private companies declared three-year revenue growth of 27 percent. Still, double-digit sustained growth is reason to celebrate.

**The Puget Sound Business Journal** understands that fast growth is just one indicator that a company has great potential. It could be that the company is growing through acquisition or because it's new and has created the hottest new product or service on the market.

Perhaps the firm has been around for decades but the demand for its service has skyrocketed recently, or its primary sector tanked and the company diversified to survive — stumbling on a new niche market with plenty of potential.

No matter how these companies got there, we recognize the hard work it takes to achieve year-over-year growth during the past three consecutive years that is high

enough to warrant inclusion in our fastest-growing list.

Among this year's 101 Fastest-Growing Private Companies (there was a tie) 30 are brand new to the list; 17 are returning after an absence in 2008; and 54 companies are returning to the list from 2008.

In the following pages, we feature stories on some of the companies that make our list of 100 fastest-growing private companies in the state.

To make the list, companies must have recorded revenue of at least \$500,000 in 2006, and the CEO or chief financial officer must submit — and personally vouch for — revenues for the past three years.

Our accounting partner **RSM McGladrey Inc.** verified the revenue figures and calculated the revenue growth percentages by which the companies are ranked.