

## **BIG TIME PRODUCTS**

# 15th Fastest Growing Company in the U.S.

**R**ome-based *Big Time Products, Inc.* has been listed as the 15th fastest growing company in the country, according to *Entrepreneur Magazine's* 12th Annual Hot 500 listing of the fastest growing companies in the United States.

"This is very exciting news," said **Harry S. Pierce (LR'05)**, co-owner and CEO of Big Time Products. "It's proof that our hard work, dedicated staff, and determination to be the best is paying off."

The Hot 500 rankings are compiled with the help of Corporate Research Board, a research organization. Entrepreneur and CRB started with CRB's database of more than 19 million U.S. businesses and considered only those businesses that met the following criteria:

- Must have been founded no earlier than 1998 and no later than 2002,
- Company sales in 2002 must be \$100,000 or greater; 2006 sales must not exceed \$1 billion,
- Must have positive job growth between 2002 and 2006, and
- Must have a minimum level of sales growth or a sales growth quantifier of 1 or higher between 2002 and 2006; the growth quantifier is a measurement that combines percentage and absolute growth.

Only 95,000 businesses – or 0.5 percent of the 19 million businesses – met the above criteria. Entrepreneur then contacted the businesses with the greatest growth to confirm eligibility. To be eligible, the founder must be actively involved in the company, the company cannot be a spinoff or a division of a larger company, and company sales for 2006 must be at least \$1 million. From this list, the Hot 500 was selected.

"We knew we were growing exponentially, but we didn't have any idea we were growing fast enough to be in a race for the top-20 fastest growing companies in the entire country. That's amazing," said **Richard F. Chambers**, co-owner and President of Big Time Products.

Big Time Products is a rapidly growing consumer products company, specifically in the categories of work gloves and cleaning gloves. Their products are available at national retailers such as *The Home Depot*, *Wal-Mart*, *Michael's*, and *BJ's Wholesale Club*. Big Time Products specializes in providing retailers with superior products at the highest possible value by combining outstanding manufacturing partners and world-class marketing.



**Richard F. Chambers (left), President, and Harry S. Pierce, CEO, have built Big Time Products, Inc. into a blueprint for success in building a growing company.**



**Chick Harvey (left), Northwest Georgia Council of the Boys Scouts, chats with Mark White, Big Time Products, about the company's product line at an open house for Big Time Products' new corporate headquarters.**

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