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TOP 25 Up and Comers

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| Company | Year Est. | Web Site | Business Specialties |
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| 3esi, Calgary | 2005 | www.3esi.com | Software business solutions for the upstream oil and gas industry. |
| Acceleware, Calgary | 2004 | www.acceleware.com | Hardware acceleration focusing on electromagnetic simulation and geophysical processing. |
| Ambir, St. John, N.B. | 2004 | www.ambirsolutions.com | Strategic, project management and software development services. |
| Aquatic informatics, Vancouver | 2003 | www.aquaticinformatics.com | Software solutions specializing in the water and climate information industry. |
| BUG.tv, Levis, Que. | 2003 | www.bug.tv | Hardware, software and services for video servers and production. |
| ChoiceBot, Ottawa | 2005 | www.choicebot.com | Product search and evaluation e-commerce technology. |
| Coveo Solutions, Que. | 2003 | www.coveo.com | Secure enterprise search-engine applications. |
| SecureTRANSIT, Halifax | 2006 | www.eliteemail.com | Direct e-mail marketing solutions. |
| ElitewebThornhill, Ont. | 2003 | www.enationcorp.com | Builds and manages global data centres to host online operations. |
| eNation, Toronto | 2006 | www.eqocommunications.com | VoIP calling and instant messaging extension to mobile devices. |
| EQO Communications, Richmond, B.C. | 2003 | www.4point.com | Adobe-related professional services. |
| Four Point Solutions (4Point), Ottawa | 2003 | www.intellecto.com | RFID hardware and software products. |
| Intellecto Technologies, Markham, Ont. | 2003 | www.iongear.com | IT Security and infrastructure technology products and services. |
| iON Secured Networks, Calgary | 2003 | www.justfixit.com | Outsourced Computer Support to Small and Medium sized businesses. |
| Just Fix It, Waterloo, Ont. | 2004 | www.marinerpartners.com | IPTV product development and operational consulting, professional services. |
| Mariner Partners, St. John, N.B. | 2003 | www.mediclink.ca | Medical software - specializing in eyecare. |
| MedicLINK Systems, St. John's, Nfld. | 2005 | www.medshare.com | eHealth solutions for home and community healthcare providers. |
| MedShare, Guelph, Ont. | 2005 | www.medworxx.com | Strategic software platforms for the Healthcare IT sector. |
| MedWorxx, Toronto | 2004 | www.netkaster.ca | High-speed satellite Internet provider. |
| NetkasterSatelliteInternet, Yellowknife, N.W.T. | 2006 | www.neurolanguage.com | English learning software and technology. |
| NeuroLanguage, Ottawa | 2004 | www.securetransit.com | Software solutions for the airline industry. |
| Skymeter, Toronto | 2006 | www.skymetercorp.com | Vehicle location billing system software. |
| SXIP Identity, Vancouver | 2003 | www.sxip.com | Access management and identity software. |
| Verafin, Mount Pearl, Nfld. | 2003 | www.verafin.com | Customer intelligence software solutions for anti-money laundering and fraud detection. |
| Vocantas, Ottawa | 2003 | www.vocantas.com | Speech-enabled interactive voice response systems (IVRS) and business process automation. |

This year's Top 25 Up and Comers once again come from a variety of IT segments and provinces. These young companies have differentiated themselves by creating innovative products and services in interesting fields of information technology. This Top 25 list is not a ranking of companies based on revenue; rather, it is a listing of companies Branham Group believes could be the next who's who in the Canadian IT sector.

This year's Up and Comers provide unique solutions. The hardware companies include hardware acceleration specialists,

video processing firms and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) solutions manufacturers. The software makers on this year's list specialize in many technologies and vertical markets, such as airline information systems, oil and gas, water and climate, VoIP, medical systems and search engine technologies. Health care, security, infrastructure and planning were trends also seen amongst this year's Up and Comers.

From a geographic perspective, the list has changed since last year, when Ontario companies comprised 76 per cent of the Top 25 Up and Comers. This year they come in at 44 per

cent, indicating a more diverse national composition. We now see more companies from Quebec, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the Northwest Territories appearing on the list. British Columbian companies comprise 12 per cent of the list this year (down from 16 per cent last year), and Alberta's young companies constitute another 12 per cent (up from four per cent last year).

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