

Metro companies high on Fortune list

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Three metro Atlanta companies ranked high on Fortune magazine's Small Business 100 list.

Atlanta-based Ebix Inc. (NASDAQ: EBIX), which makes software for the insurance industry, placed fourth with \$74.8 million in revenue last year.

The list includes U.S.-based firms with annual revenues of less than \$200 million and a stock price greater than \$1. Fortune ranks the companies by stock performance and revenue growth over the past three years, with a new requirement in 2009 of no negative growth in any of the most recent four quarters.

Atlanta-based Transcend Services Inc. (NASDAQ: TRCR), which provides transcription services for physicians, was ranked seventh with \$48.7 million in annual revenue for 2008. Fortune noted Transcend delivered a 64.3 percent, three-year annualized return to investors through Dec. 31, 2008, the second-highest return on the list.

Kennesaw, Ga.-based biomaterials, medical device and tissue processing company CryoLife Inc. (NYSE: CRY) came in at 23rd, with \$105.1 million in revenue for 2008.

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