



TAG Ranked One of 50 Fastest Growing Companies in State

For Immediate Release (Sumner County, Tennessee): Business Tennessee, the state's of Tennessee's leading business and political monthly magazine, released today its annual Business Tennessee Fast50, ranking TAG (www.tag.bz) one of the fastest-growing private companies in Tennessee. The periodical released the list today in its August 2005 issue. ([click here for the full article www.businessstn.com](http://www.businessstn.com))

The ACCESS Group of Sumner County , known as simply TAG in industry, is included in this year's Fast50. The ACCESS Group is a firm that works with a variety of Fortune 500 companies throughout North America and Asia in providing a variety of engineering, project management, plant relocation, facility startup and consulting services. TAG also provides A/E and design services to industry via TAG Design Services, LLC and recently began providing Healthcare related consulting services targeting cost reductions, quality improvement, and efficiency improvements through its new subsidiary, Healthcare Performance Partners, LLC (www.hpp.bz) which is also headquartered in Sumner County.

Charles Hagood, a principal with TAG and HPP stated, "Over the past few years we've been honored by various periodicals for growth and the service the we provide to our clients. Our associates and clients is what made this all possible. After a tough manufacturing downturn hit our industry from 2002 to early 2004, we have diversified and leveraged our expertise to the benefit of other sectors of industry" TAG has been honored on multiple occasions as a Tennessean newspaper Future 50 company including 2003, Business of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in 2001, as well as the 12th fastest growing small business in middle Tennessee by Business Nashville magazine in 2002. Hagood is also the current Chairman of Forward Sumner Economic Council, the county wide public-private economic development agency for the Sumner County region.

"The 2005 Business Tennessee Fast50 surely reflects the diversity of industry that is so beneficial to our state," said David A. Fox, editor of Business Tennessee magazine. "These companies are showing what entrepreneurial drive amid a good business climate can accomplish. Many of these businesses are destined to be Tennessee's biggest employers and publicly traded corporations of tomorrow."

To be considered, Fast50 nominees must have been in business for a number of years, met various revenue and employment levels, be independent and privately owned (not publicly traded or a subsidiary) and be headquartered in Tennessee. KraftCPAs reviewed and investigated the submitted nominations.

Business Tennessee is a statewide monthly magazine covering business and politics and is received by 42,000 business and civic leaders in Tennessee.