

Congratulations on your company's nomination for the **USF Fast 56!** Being nominated for this prestigious award is an honor in itself. The USF Fast 56 award program identifies, recognizes, and celebrates the success of the world's 56 fastest growing Bull-owned or Bull-operated businesses. Nominated companies are ranked by percentage of cumulative annual growth in sales or revenue (net of returns) for the company's three most recent 12-month reporting periods ending August 31, 2012. Companies with the highest revenue growth rates will be recognized as members of the 2012 USF Fast 56.

Nominated companies must complete this USF Fast 56 application and a company officer must sign the form. For purposes of this application, corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships and other entity types are referred to as 'company.'

Company Information				
Name				
Business Type				
Address				
City/State/Zip				
Country				
Phone				
Website URL				
USF Bull Leader I	Information			
Name(s)				
(Names continued)				
Class Year				
Title				
Address				
City/State/Zip				
Country				
Phone#				
Email				

Conformance with Entry Criteria

To be eligible for the USF Fast 56, companies must meet certain age, revenue level, operations and ownership/management criteria. The following questions are intended to verify the company meets these criteria. Check all boxes that apply and enter the required supporting financial information.

Nominees must meet the following three criteria:
☐ Company must have been in operation for a minimum of 36 months prior to August 31, 2012. ☐ Company must have verifiable revenues of at least \$250,000 for the most recent 12-month reporting period ☐ Company must be owned or operated by a former USF student* who meets one of the following:
a. A former USF student or group of former students must have owned 50 percent or more of the company during the eligible period. Explain how the company meets this criterion:
OR b. A former USF student must have served as the company's chief executive (for example, chairman, CEO, president, or managing partner) during the eligible period. Explain how the company meets this criterion:
OR c. A former USF student must have founded the company and been active as a member of the most senior management team during the eligible period. Explain how the company meets this criterion:
For the purposes of this award, a "former student" is defined as someone completing 60 hours of coursework at any accredited institution of the USF System.
Company Performance Information
USF Fast 56 applicants will be ranked by percentage of cumulative annual growth in sales or revenues (net of returns) for the company's three most recent 12-month reporting periods ending August 31, 2012.
Please enter the company's sales or revenues (net of returns) in U.S. dollars for each of the three 12-month reporting periods:
Period 1 Period 2 Period 2 Period 3 (year) (sales/revenue) Period 3 (year) (sales/revenue)

To verify sales or revenues (net of returns), enclosed with the completed application must be copies of either:

- (1) audited, reviewed, or compiled financial statements for each of the three 12-month reporting periods, or
- (2) page 1 of the company's tax return for each of the three 12-month reporting periods, or
- (3) letter from external accountant attesting to revenue level for each of the 12-month reporting periods

Confidentiality and Verification Notice

The University of South Florida Alumni Association reserves the right to verify that nominees meet the criteria and reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any nominee for any reason.

If your company is named to the USF Fast 56, the following information will be published in Alumni Voice magazine and in other articles and media releases: USF Fast 56 ranking, percentage growth rate, company name, year founded, city, state, product/services, and name(s)/class year(s) of USF Bull leader(s).

For USF Fast 56 companies, all other information will be kept confidential. For applicants not named as a USF Fast 56 company, all information submitted will be kept confidential. Applications and supporting financial information will not be returned to the applicant.

All applications and required documents should be mailed directly to the USF Fast 56 program's accounting firm, Ernst & Young, which will receive the information and tabulate the results. Neither the University nor the USF Alumni Association will see or have access to Company required financial documents. Documents should solely be sent to Ernst & Young as directed below.

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE:

- Completed, signed Application
- Financial statements or tax return information to support revenue figures for the three most recent 12-month reporting periods ending August 31, 2012

	SUBMITTED BY: I attest that the information reported in this application and supporting financial information is true and correct, that I understand the Confidentiality	SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING FINANCIAL INFORMATION BY MAIL TO:
	and Verification Notice, and I am authorized to	USF Fast 56
	submit this application:	C/O Ernst & Young
		401 E. Jackson St., Ste. 1200
Signed:		Tampa, FL 33602-5232 USA
Name:		Or by email to usf.fast56@ey.com
Title:		
Date:		
Date.		

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