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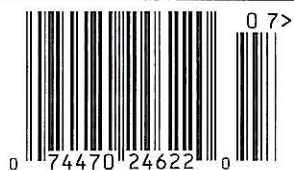
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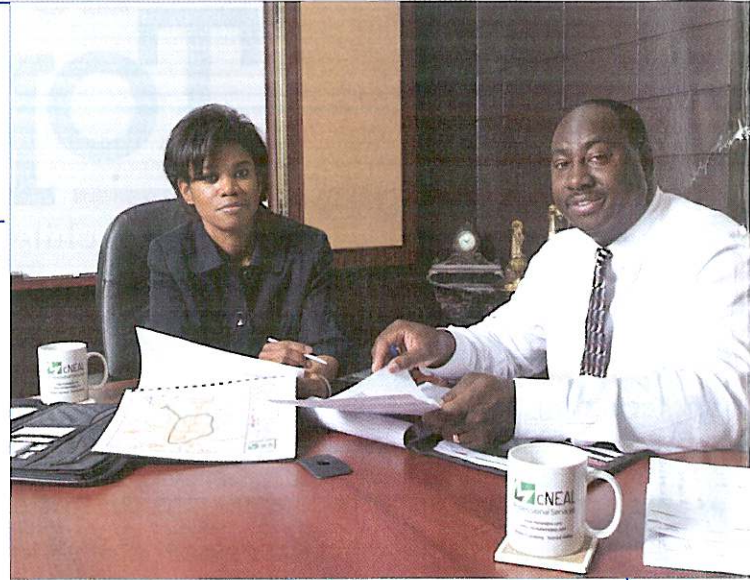
By Kamille D. Whittaker

Technology is still king. Last year we researched and saluted companies that had strategically positioned themselves at the cross-section of a technology shift. The world was going social media-crazy and a presence in that frontier became a matter of do or die. The dust has since settled, clearing the way for us to observe industry-specific technological advances. And that's exactly what we asked the heads of our picks for the Top 25 Architects of Success: To flex their industry know-how and get technical.

1. Bronner Brothers Inc., Health and Beauty Products, Bernard Bronner
2. Euquant, Economic Consulting, Dr. Danny Boston
3. McNeal Professional Services, Telecom and IT, Leslie and Nathan McNeal
4. Acosta Technologies Inc., Technical Staffing and Network Services, Anthony Acosta
5. Diversapack LLC, Packaging, Woodrow Hall
6. Jerome Martin Associates, Architecture, Jerome Martin
7. PQC International Consulting, Consulting, Frank Payne
8. RTX Technology Partners, Consulting, M. Hans Delly
9. Homestead Packaging Solutions, Specialty Packaging, Adam C. Walker and Sean Vanhorse
10. Johnson Research and Development Co., Consumer Product Development, Lonnie Johnson
11. Hudson Strategic Group Inc., Consulting, Joseph R. Hudson, C.A.M.
12. InfiNITY Technology Consulting, Consulting, Edgar Mosley
13. Sciberus, Consulting and Software Development, Laron Walker
14. JLM Risk Management Group, Risk Management, Joseph Moore
15. Vehtech Inc., Consulting, Vincent E. Harris Sr. and LaTonya K. Harris
16. Phoenix Global Corporation, Geotechnical and Environmental Services, Alicia Ivey
17. Entertainment Arts Research Inc., Gaming, Joseph Saulter
18. Syntellus Dataworks, Technology Solutions, Curtis V. Crowder
19. Radiant3, Audio and Video Production, James Boston
20. Resurgens Risk Management, Risk Management, Willie Burks
21. RYLA Teleservices, Call Center, Mark Wilson
22. TDC Systems Integration, Systems Integration, Antonio Dozier
23. VonCreations Inc., Event Management and Marketing, Yvonne Wiltz
24. Turner Associates, Architect/Planning and Design, Oscar L. Harris
25. LCW Engineering, Consulting, Loretta Washington

McNeal Professional Services

Leslie McNeal and Nathan McNeal



Ten, five or even two years ago, if a company didn't have wireless capabilities the tech *faux pas* was stridently forgiven. Wireless technology then, after all, was just a value-added amenity that most companies were able to maneuver and be sustainable without. Not anymore. But even before "wireless" became the phrase that pays, Leslie and Nathan McNeal were plugged in to the seeming ubiquitous potential. Between 2001 and 2002, Leslie and her husband Nathan transitioned out of their corporate jobs in human resources management and engineering, respectively, and invested \$30,000 into what is now the multi-million dollar-earning McNeal Professional Services. The Atlanta-based enterprise is a high tech wireless engineering and technical staffing company that is positioned at the cross-section of the high-growth technology sector and the growing trend to hire highly skilled contract technicians as a corporate mechanism for right-sizing the workforce. Beyond that, their nationwide team of technicians will assist companies in designing and testing their networks to ensure that their networks are maximized. Their overall mission is to provide best-in-class telecommunications services including wireless engineering, Distributed Antenna Systems, inside/outside plant tower support and the tech digs companies need to stay firmly rooted in the 21st century.

Unlimited Access

The one form of technology that McNeal regularly uses on an ongoing basis is that of the Wireless Data Card for access to the Internet and our Virtual Private Network. We equip our engineers and other field staff with Wireless Data Cards which allows them to work remotely from just about any location in the United States without having to be tied to a desktop or having to locate a wireless hotspot. Because of wireless technology, our team has become very efficient and productive at performing their jobs.

Continuing Education

In order to stay abreast of the latest technologies, McNeal provides ongoing certifications and continuing education credits to ensure that our team is prepared for the latest technology shifts in the industry. Our back office support operations have made significant changes in its operational systems to ensure that we are able to properly manage our projects and employee-base. Our payroll system has been upgraded to an enterprise version to manage job costing on each project and our timekeeping system allows for Web time-entry from anywhere in the United States.

The Next Frontier

With the latest Telecom Carrier push of 3G to 4G and LTE technology, we have seen an increase in the need for RF Engineering Services. In our Tower Division, our team is responsible for providing carrier-add equipment such as LTE antennas, radio and fiber on new and existing sites for both Verizon and AT&T. We are currently engaged in the Fiber To The Cell Site (FTTC) which will dramatically increase both the bandwidth and download speeds that carriers will be providing to its customers with the portable wireless handheld devices. Due to the ever expanding use by customers who now use smartphones, the Wireless Carriers are experiencing a tremendous demand on their networks and as such, the services that we are providing will enable them to meet their demand. There is also a big push for Distributed Antenna Systems and In-Building coverage – in layman's terms, getting cell phone coverage inside of buildings and other facilities. We have a full-service team that works with the Telecom Carriers to get these systems designed, installed and turned up. **AT**