

Bright House's Chris Fenger reveals latest advances

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If you need proof of how far technology has come in the last 25 years, look no farther than your television.

Gone are the days when a clear picture required constantly adjusting the rabbit ears.

Today we can watch our favorite programs in high-definition at the time of our choosing, thanks to the advances in technology cable television companies have made.

As the president of the Central Florida Division of Bright House Networks, Chris Fenger stays on top of the latest technology, whether its work-related — like the company's new service, You On Demand, that allows customers to post their own videos — or in his personal life, where he's an avid pilot and photographer.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y. (Bills quarterback Jack Kemp lived down the street), Fenger earned a master's degree in media management from Syracuse University's Newhouse School of

Communication. Halfway through the graduate program, he interviewed with a company in the burgeoning cable industry. His goal was to improve his interviewing skills, but he left the interview with a new career direction.

Here, Fenger shares new technologies coming up:

OBJ: Why did you take a job in the cable industry?

Fenger: There was a lot of energy around the industry in the late 1970s.

You had the Cube project in Cincinnati that was dealing with multiple channels, albeit in a clunky analog way, but still it got a lot of market acceptance. You also had the beginning of satellite distribution, which started in 1978 when Ted Turner put this little Atlanta station on satellite to get cheap nationwide distribution. It was just a very exciting time.

OBJ: Would you consider yourself a gadget guy?

Fenger: To an extent, I guess I am. I

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Fast Facts

63.8%: The percentage of revenue increase experienced by Orlando-based SimiGon for \$4.59 million in 2005 to \$7.52 million in 2006 (www.simigon.com)

19,000: Number of employees companywide for Booz Allen Hamilton, with 100 locations on six continents (www.boozallen.com)

1991: The year Sharon Wolford founded Carley Corp., which was awarded a 2007 contract under the Navy's Undersea Warfare Center acquisition program for the Submarine Learning Center in New London, Conn. (www.carleycorp.com)

Central Florida's* Top Modeling, Simulation and Training Cos. Ranked by number of Central Florida* employees

Rank 2007	Company Address	Top local executive Title Telephone	Central Fla.* employees 2006 sales volume Specialties	Number of: Programs developed Simulation/training hours	Percentage: Government Private sector	Headquarters Number of locations
1	Lockheed Martin ** 12506 Lake Underhill Road Orlando 32825	Dale Bennett President (407) 306-1000	1,400 DND Modeling, simulation and mission-rehearsal tools for military and civilian applications	DND 50,000	DND DND	Bethesda, Md. 50
2	JHT Inc. 13501 Ingenuity Drive, Suite 300 Orlando 32826	James E. Jardon II President/CEO (407) 381-7297	569 \$128 million Computer-based training and education solutions for government and commercial sectors	27 282,880	99% 1%	Orlando 3
3	Science Applications*** 12901 Science Drive Orlando 32826	Beverly J. Seay Sr. VP/GM-Business Unit (407) 243-3700	450 \$100 million Live, virtual, constructive simulation, training, systems for architecture, engineering, integration	50+ N/A	93% 7%	San Diego, Calif. 150
4	DEI Services Corp. 7213 Sandscove Court, Suite 1 Winter Park 32792	Jose Diaz President (407) 678-3388	142 \$13.2 million Design, development, manufacturing, deployment/logistical support of full-sized 3-D training devices	15 200,000	100% N/A	Winter Park 1
5	Carley Corp. 12600 Challenger Parkway, Suite 200 Orlando 32826	Sharon Wolford President (407) 894-5575	125 \$18 million Large-scale, complex blended training solutions ranging from technical skills to behavioral skills	N/A N/A	90% 10%	Orlando 3
6	Riptide Software Inc. 3452 Lake Lynda Drive, Suite 350 Orlando 32817	Philip Loeffel CEO (407) 282-3545	80 \$8 million CMMi Level 3-based software; software services in the live training/instrumented ranges domain	10 16,800+	60% 40%	Orlando 5
7	Coalescent Technologies Corp. 431 N. Garland Ave. Orlando 32801	Ken Whitmore CEO (407) 839-1980	60 \$68 million Synthetic free-play simulation, nuclear, biological and chemical defense training, life-cycle maintenance	110 6,000+	100% N/A	Orlando 4
8	American Systems 7001 University Blvd. Winter Park 32792	Mark St. Moritz Vice President/Director (407) 678-8500	36 \$231 million Consulting services, professional, technical and IT services, custom solutions, business process outsourcing	12 200,000	80% 20%	Chantilly, Va. 21
9	Dynamics Research Corp. (DRC) 3505 Lake Lynda Drive, Suite 100 Orlando 32817	Lee W. Lacy Business Unit Director (407) 380-1200	32 \$259 million Simulation support, task analysis, database application and software development, training, consulting	13 N/A	100% (local) N/A	Andover, Mass. 35
10	Quantum 3D Inc. 2721 Discovery Drive, Suite 300 Orlando 32826	Steve Detro VP Sales/Development (407) 737-8800	30 \$25 million Real-time open architecture image generation solutions, embedded visual computing systems/subsystems	20 DND	N/A 100%	San Jose, Calif. 4
11	Cole Engineering Services Inc. 3361 Rouse Road, Suite 215 Orlando 32817	Bryan Cole President (407) 384-9956	29 \$5 million OneSAF program management and engineering, natural language processing, software engineering design	4 N/A	100% N/A	Orlando 1
12	Booz Allen Hamilton 13501 Ingenuity Drive, Suite 228 Orlando 32826	Catherine Emerick Program Manager, Orlando (407) 208-1783	25 \$4 billion Management, consulting, engineering, information technology strategy/systems, development/integration	DND DND	DND DND	McLean, Va. 100
13	ECS Inc. 3501 Quadrangle Blvd., Suite 260 Orlando 32817	Waymon Armstrong President (407) 823-9991	20 \$2.6 million PC game-based simulation programs for combat medics, Hazmat teams, UAV operations, first-time responders	6 N/A	100% N/A	Orlando 2
tie	FPMI 11301 Corporate Blvd. Orlando 32817	Steve Bowling Vice President (407) 249-1990	20 \$46.5 million High-end courseware utilizing simulation software, small-scale emulations and simulations development	DND DND	90% 10%	Alexandria, Va. 4
15	SimiGon 12001 Research Parkway, Suite 236 Orlando 32826	Amos Vizer President/CEO (407) 737-7722	11 \$7.5 million SIMbox, a PC-based software platform for creation/modification/management and deployment	12 N/A	50% 50%	Orlando 3

NOTES:

*Central Florida denotes Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties only. Not all simulations companies participated in this survey. **Lockheed Martin Simulation and Training Support ***Science Applications International Corp.