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2017 Fast 50: Patel Greene & Associates PLLC

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Patel Greene & Associates PLLC is a civil engineering firm that provides roadway, drainage, structures, traffic and environmental services to FDOT and municipalities throughout the state of Florida.



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PGA family day at the Florida Aquarium

What are some key accomplishments your company has achieved in the past 12 months?

We hired 17 new staff members during the period covering June 2016 through June 2017.

In addition to being selected for the Tampa Bay Business Journal Fast 50 List, we were also selected for Zweig's Best Firms to Work For in 2017 (ranked seventh in the Civil Engineering category nationally) and Zweig's 2017 Hot Firms list (ranked 55th in the top 100 firms that were ranked nationally).

We changed our health insurance plan to offer 100 percent employer paid monthly premiums for coverage to employees, spouses and their families.

We purchased a historical building for our headquarters in Bartow in June 2016 and we recently finished a complete renovation of the property that maintains the original character of the building.

We opened a new office location in Winter Park and we launched two new service lines: traffic engineering and environmental science.

What's the most impressive business statistic you can share about your company? PGA has had a significant increase in revenue since the company was founded in 2011. Our gross revenue in 2011 was \$152,268 and \$5,640,406 in 2016 (a 3,700 percent increase).

What is your recruitment strategy for new hires? Our primary strategy is word of mouth and referrals from current staff members, but we also participate in job fairs, online job postings, social media, and recruiting from local colleges.

What is your company "really fast" at? Growing

Describe your company in one word. Dynamic

What does your company do for fun? We host several company-sponsored functions throughout the year for all employees, including spouses and/or families at the events. Our 2017 events include a happy hour at Ulele; USF Bullarney event; family picnic with overnight stay at the Hilton Orlando; USF night at the Tampa Bay Rays; family day of bowling at Splitsville; Top Golf outing; USF Football game/tailgating and holiday party at the Gaylord Palms with Cirque show tickets and overnight stay.

— Hiren Patel, president, six years

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