



2011 Small Business of the Year: **Callis Communications**

Callis Communications has grown 32 percent over each of the last several years, and the communications company has grown to 40 employees. Dean Parker Jr., is president and CEO of Callis.

In 1999, Dean Parker started a paging provider company that has since transformed over the years to meet the needs of its clients. The Mobile Area Chamber's 2011 Small Business of the Year transitioned to an Internet Service Provider and competitive local phone carrier in 2004, then five years later, to a unified/cloud communications company.

Today, Mobile-based Callis Communications offers communication services to small- and medium-sized companies so they do not have to invest in expensive infrastructure. More than 400 small- and medium-sized Gulf Coast companies throughout the region have constant access to voice, data, security, phone and e-mail by using Callis, which means "path" or "pathway."

Callis has grown 32 percent each year since 2007. Recently, *Inc.* magazine recognized Callis for the fourth consecutive year as one of "America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies," and the company was ranked 71st in the magazine's telecommunications industry category.

Parker says the company's success starts and ends with amazing service, and he's proud of his customer retention rate and the quick response of his team of 40 employees.

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