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HERE AT *ENTREPRENEUR*, WE'RE CONSTANTLY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE HOTTEST NEW ENTREPRENEURS. SEVEN YEARS AGO, WE DECIDED TO FORMALIZE OUR SEARCH, LAUNCHING OUR ANNUAL HOT 100 LISTING.

With the help of Dun & Bradstreet, the world's leading provider of business information, we spotlight the nation's fastest-growing new entrepreneurial companies each and every year.

So what's new this year? What trends can be spotted in our 7th Annual Hot 100? Despite the much-vaunted dotcom shake-out, technology businesses finished stronger than ever before, with 36 of our 100 finalists in that category, and five of those are Web-based—more than in any previous year. In addition, one company in e-learning, an industry whose potential we've long touted, made the list for the first time.

7. Future Telecom Inc.

MESQUITE, TX

Communications & power utility construction

Donald R. Riggs, David G. Helmers
Began: March 1999 w/16 employees; now 38 employees

Initial investment: \$100K from priv. investors

2000 sales: \$23.8M