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Four Houston accounting companies named top firms by Accounting Today

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Four Houston accounting firms made Accounting Today's list of the top 15 accounting firms in the Southwest region.

Accounting Today ranks its top 100 accounting firms list by net revenue for 2011 and divides the rankings by region. Along with Texas, the Southwest region includes Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The top Houston firm, Gainer, Donnelly & Desroches, was the No. 4 firm in the Southwest region, with \$20.53 million in 2011 revenue. However, its revenue declined 3.62 percent from the year before.

Pannell Kerr Forest of Texas was No. 5 in the Southwest region, with \$19.93 million in revenue, an increase of 2.42 percent from the year before. No. 6 Briggs & Veselka increased its revenue 3.21 percent to \$19.59 million. MaloneBailey was No. 15, with \$12.61 million in revenue, though it decreased 1.94 percent from last year.

Overall, the Southwest region experienced weaker growth than many other regions, increasing just 1.96 percent from last year, Accounting Today said. However, it did grow more strongly in 2011 than it did in 2010. Accounting firms in the Southwest reported the energy sector, international tax, nonprofits and health care as their fastest growing service areas.