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### **El Pasoan Keeli Jernigan Named to Top 50 Fastest-growing Women-led Companies in North America**

El Paso, TX - Keeli Jernigan, president of Trans-Expedite Inc, has been named to the top 50 fastest-growing women-led companies in North America by Entrepreneur Magazine. The magazine's ranking was compiled with the help of the Women Presidents' Organization, a nonprofit peer advisory organization. Companies were ranked according to a sales growth formula that combines percentage and absolute growth. The criteria also included being a privately held, women-led company in the U.S. or Canada with 2006 sales of at least \$1 million. Jernigan was ranked #19 in The Top 50.

Trans-Expedite is a freight forwarding company headquartered at 7 Founders Boulevard near El Paso International Airport. Jernigan founded the company six years ago with her husband, Mark Jernigan, CEO. It has grown from a small operation with four employees to a multi-million dollar business with over 60 employees and expanded facilities. The company, which specializes in shipping and logistics services for freight management, recently opened its second location in San Antonio.

Featured in the November issue of Entrepreneur Magazine, Jernigan responded to a question about her biggest challenge. "We began operation on October first of 2001, right after the September 11 terrorist attacks. Most transportation companies were down sizing, due to changes in the industry, but we had nowhere to go but up. Our cash flow was a small family loan... My faith definitely helped me to overcome the challenges of those first few months!"

Jernigan will attend a celebration in New York in December along with the other recipients of this award.

