<u>Southern Botanical Named to Inc.</u> <u>Magazine's Hire Power List</u>



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NEW YORK, N.Y. — Dallas, Texas-based Southern Botanical, Inc. was featured in the second annual Inc. Hire Power Awards, recognizing the private businesses that have generated the most jobs in the past 18 months. Southern Botanical employs 225 people and generated 123 jobs from Jan. 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, placing it among the top private business job creators nationally, ranking at number seven within the state of Texas. Southern Botanical came in at the number three position within the Construction category across the United States.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that only 222,000 full-time jobs were added in 2012-compare those numbers to the honorees of the Inc. magazine's Hire Power Awards, which created 69,182 jobs between Jan. 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013. The numbers become even more amazing when you look closer-the top job creator, Universal Services of America added 14,240 employees to a workforce of 35,000; second-place Vivint added 1,943 to 6,496; and third-place Heartland Dental Care added 1,759 to 4,965. These small to mid-sized companies and others just like Southern Botanical, Inc. could hold the key to restoring America's economic vitality.

Southern Botanical, Inc. is among the 437 private growth companies that are Hire Power Awards honorees, leading the way in creating more American jobs. While the honorees are found across the country in 25 categories, industries with the most Hire Power companies include health, financial services, software, human resources and IT services. States with the most honorees include California, Florida, Texas, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Illinois and Utah.