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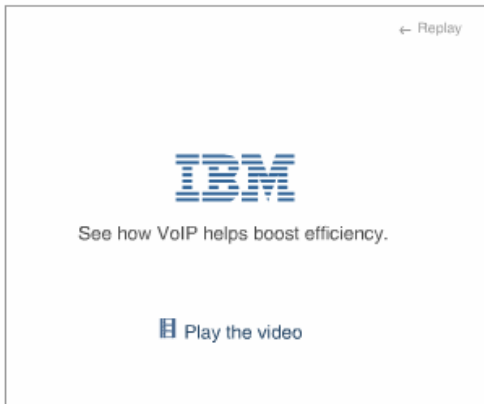
FIU honors women-led businesses

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JM Family Enterprises and Claire's Stores are the top two companies respectively on the first annual Top 50 Women-Led Businesses in Florida list.

South Florida firms dominated the list, compiled by the Center for Leadership at Florida International University (FIU) and the Commonwealth Institute South Florida. The region represented half of the list's total entries and comprised 15 of its top 25 entries.



Other local companies on the list include [Seabourne Cruise Line](#), [TotalBank](#), [CareersUSA](#), [Transatlantic Bank](#), [Iberia Tiles](#), [Backus Turner International](#), [Supersonic Services](#) and [Tortuga Rum Cake Co.](#)

Officials at FIU's Center for Leadership - which aims to provide skills to successfully manage and lead complex organizations - said the list was based on revenue and is part of a survey of Florida women business leaders who have risen to prominent executive positions.

To compile the list and survey, FIU worked in partnership with the Commonwealth Institute South Florida, a peer mentoring organization

for women CEOs and senior executives. Both have said they plan to annually replicate the study.