



'Fast'-growing local company ranked among best places to work Centennial business makes list with Google, Facebook and others



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It has been Dan DeKeyrel's dream to take his kids to Africa, showing them his most treasured memories from when he backpacked throughout the country after college. And, soon, he will be able to take four weeks off work to fulfill that dream.

DeKeyrel is an associate partner at Fast Enterprises, a Centennial company that has been recognized by Glassdoor, a worldwide job recruiting company, as the sixth best place to work in the United States in 2017.

The company, which has more than 1,000 employees, has benefits that include fully-paid health insurance for employees and their family, paid time off, a 401(k) plan and the ability to earn up to four weeks off to pursue an individual passion.

"From behind the scenes, I see that we are doing what is best for the clients and that we are doing what is best for the employees," DeKeyrel said.

This is not Fast Enterprise's first time on the list for best companies to work for. In 2016, it was ranked No. 9 and in 2015 they were No. 2. According to human relations manager, Lindsey Sittko, company values are the most vital factors to these rankings.

"Culture is huge in the company," Sittko said. "Because we move from project to project, people become a really tight-knit group. I think employees also build strong relations with their client."

Fast Enterprises is a company that provides computer processing systems to government agencies. Fast started by offering tax systems for the government, but now creates the software that manages other agencies, including driver's services, vehicle registration and unemployment insurance.
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Founding partner, Jennifer Tuvell, gave the example of obtaining a driver's license. Fast creates several systems for the process: a system that proves that a person is who they say they are, a system that helps issue the license and a system that shows fees and collection history.

The Fast software is configurable, meaning it can be programmed to match the varying rules of different governments. To do this, Fast sends its employees to live, for periods of time, around the world to learn the area's laws and change the software accordingly.

"One of the reasons that staff gets excited about the work they do is that they do their coding and configuration and right away they show the user how it is going to impact their life," Tuvell said. "When you go into production, you get to actually see them using the work produced in an immediate way."

The company was built in New York in 1997 and moved its headquarters to Centennial in July 2015. The company invested \$8 million into remodeling the building at 7229 S. Alton Way, incorporating a game room, cafes and a fitness center.

Colorado was chosen because of its central location and great universities to recruit from, Tuvell said.

Tuvell said that 99 percent of the Fast hires are recruited from colleges. With their diverse methodology, modern software and opportunities to live in locations around the world, she believes that recent college graduates are the perfect candidates.

The universities most recruited from are Brigham Young University, Colorado School of Mines, University of North Dakota, Montana State University-Bozeman and the University of Idaho.

Meg Noble started her career at Fast Enterprises after graduating college in 2011. Since being hired, she has worked in Alabama, Tobago, Louisiana, Wisconsin and recently started working in New Zealand.

"Everyone at the company works really hard to deliver the best possible product, and we have a really great community feel in the office," Noble said in an email. "It's mostly the people who make it what it is ... Since we all live far away from our hometowns and families, it really promotes building friendships with your coworkers outside of the office. It seems like every weekend, people are going out on adventures with each other to explore their new home."

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