James E. Maurin is a founder of Stirling Properties, Inc., and currently serves as the chairman and chief executive officer of the company. Since its founding in 1975, Stirling Properties has grown into one of the largest real estate services companies in the Gulf South, handling asset and property management, marketing research, leasing, tenant representation, project management, brokerage, facilities management, appraisal, and consulting services for both commercial and residential properties. Maurin is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), the Urban Land Institute, the World Presidents’ Organization, and the Louisiana Committee of 100. He is vice president of the Southern Division of the ICSC and a member of its Board of Trustees. He is a past ICSC Louisiana state director, and a member of the Small Center Committee and the Government Relations Committee. Ernst & Young recently named Maurin the 2000 Entrepreneur of the Year in real estate.
Gerald L. Kohlenberger is president of Global Services at Exxon Mobil Corporation, a global leader in oil, natural gas, and petrochemicals with operations in about 200 countries. The parent company, which was formed by the November 1999 merger of Exxon Corporation and Mobil Corporation, is headquartered in Irving, Texas, and is involved in the exploration and production of oil and gas; the manufacturing and marketing of fuels, lubes, and chemicals; electric power generation; and coal and minerals operations. Kohlenberger, whose career began with Mobil in 1974, also serves as vice president of information services for the corporation. Prior to this, he had served as general manager of information services and as chief information officer of Mobil Corporation since September 1997. Kohlenberger has served on the Construction Industry Institute Board of Advisers and on the Business Roundtable Construction Subcommittee, and currently participates in several IT related panels, including the Virginia Governor’s CIO Advisory Board.
Roland Toups is the chairman and CEO of Turner Industries, Ltd., a $700 million industrial services firm specializing in construction, maintenance, pipe fabrication, equipment and rigging operations, and related capabilities, performing work both domestically and overseas. Toups is the chairman of numerous organizations, including the Greater Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, the Louisiana Chemical Industry Alliance, the United Way Board of Directors, the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, and the Mayor’s Anti-Drug Task Force. He is also the president of the Baton Rouge Industrial Contractors Association and serves on the boards of the Louisiana State Board of Regents for Higher Education, the Council for a Better Louisiana, the Bank One Advisory Board, Junior Achievement, and the Louisiana Arts & Science Center. He has been honored with the National Conference for Community & Justice’s Brotherhood Award and the Volunteer Activist of Baton Rouge Award, and has been inducted into the Louisiana State University Construction Hall of Fame.
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