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## **Work-at-home options on rise for small businesses**

As gas prices climbed this year, so did interest in small businesses offering work-at-home options for employees, said Shirley Peterson, owner of the Fort Worth franchise of CMIT Solutions.

CMIT Solutions offers IT help for small businesses, including software training and setting up networks.

She said the interest has been more pronounced in the past six months and for the first time, companies have been citing gas prices as a reason for the remote locations. The interest has included companies involved in construction, land development and accounting.

When she questions a company interested in getting outsourced IT help from her company, Peterson asks if the company has anyone who works from home.

"Inevitably, they'll say, 'No, but I'd like to,'" Peterson said.

The Fort Worth location of CMIT Solutions recently moved to 650 W. Vickery Blvd., Suite 100.

Staff writers Bob Cox and Andrea Jares contributed to this report.