Company History

1964  • Bernie Howroyd opens “Howroyd Wright” staffing agency with a partner at a Glendale, CA office in April. Bernie put his life savings of $3,500 into the venture. Mr. Wright soon sells his interest to Bernie, making him the sole owner of the company. By August, Bernie’s life savings had dwindled down to $5.94 before he was able to collect any payment from his clients.

1968  • Bernie forms a corporation under the name Howroyd Wright Employment Agency, Inc.

1969  • Company name changes to AppleOne (being much easier to remember and pronounce than ‘Howroyd Wright’) convinces Bernie to rename his entire company, explaining, “A is for Apple…it’s the first letter of the alphabet and first in the Yellow Pages. Apple is as American as apple pie and the Apple name was my first choice…it was the one”

1978  • Janice Bryant Howroyd founded ACT•1 in 1978. Her single office ACT•1 operation has grown into the largest certified woman minority-owned staffing service in the U.S.  ACT•1 has developed some of the most innovative approaches to Human Resources management and has become an industry leader in technologically supported managed services and e-business solutions.

1980  • Bernie Howroyd and Janice Bryant marry. While joining forces as husband and wife, Bernie and Janice continued to keep their successes as thriving entrepreneurs separate.

1987  • AppleOne becomes a $100 million company

1989  • AppleOne’s 76 offices collectively generate $150 Million
  • AppleOne opens first Canada office in Ontario
  • ACT•1 expands screening services to all 50 states

1990  • ACT•1 grew steadily throughout the 1990s, at a rate of ten percent each year, but later that decade enjoyed phenomenal growth, as the need for high-tech workers increased with the booming economy
1995  •  www.appleone.com goes live, making AppleOne one of the first staffing agencies on the World Wide Web  
   •  ACT•1 provides screening services to 1,000th client

1998  •  Bernie receives the prestigious Entrepreneur of the Year nod from Ernst & Young

1999  •  At-Tech commences operations as our IT & Engineering specialist  
   •  JobCaster goes live, exponentially increasing our recruiting power  
   •  ACT•1’s rapidly growing HRIS/HRMS division evolves into Agile•1

2001  •  Forbes Magazine lists AppleOne as one of America’s 500 Largest Private Companies

   •  AppleOne & ACT•1 consolidate resources, expertise as well as human capital to globally position the company as a full service, WMBE staffing solutions innovator and provider, which lead to the formation of the ACT•1 Group.

2009  •  The consolidated brands becomes collectively known as the Act•1 Group, which has also been restructured into three major categories: Business Services (comprised of A-Check, AppleOne Payroll, CNU, CTA Travel and DSSI), Agile•1 Workforce Solutions (Acceleration and AllSource), and AppleOne Staffing Solutions (AppleOne/Act•1, Accounting Advantage, At-Tech, Pro Travel, All’s Well, BilingualOne and HROne)

Today, the Company has diversified into many specialized sectors of the employment services field. With agencies such as Accounting Advantage, At-Tech, and All’s Well, the Company has branched out, constantly pushing to find the best way to represent premium individuals seeking Direct Hire or Temporary Assignments. AppleOne has served as the premier choice for career seekers and employers alike for over 48 years.