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**Eric Melass** • Age: 33

Title: Vice President • Company: Killum Pest Control Inc.  
Location: Lake Jackson, Texas

During the past 10 years, Killum Pest Control has shown continuous growth and enhanced its community-wide status. Killum has grown from seven employees in 1995 to 16 employees today and it now services the entire county. In 2002, Killum



Melass

was recognized as the Business Leader of the Year by the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce and the Brazoria County Partnership Inc. As vice president of the company, Eric Melass' leadership and hard work have been instrumental in Killum's growth. Melass, a second-generation pest management professional, has helped the company grow by introducing new technology and innovative marketing. Specifically, Melass has become well versed in termite baiting. For example, in 1997 Melass spent a day with the Texas Structural Pest Control Board, educating them on the termite baiting process and the necessary customer interaction. In addition to his work at Killum, Melass is a member of the Greater Houston Pest Control Association (GHPCA), Texas Pest Control Association and NPMA. He is the current GHPCA president. — *B.H.*