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Semi-finalists for Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® Orange County/Desert Cities award is announced

Irvine, Calif. – APRIL 9, 2009 – Ernst & Young LLP is pleased to announce today the Orange County/Desert Cities semifinalists for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award. This group of exceptional entrepreneurs was selected by an independent judging panel made up of regional business, academic and community leaders. Finalists will be announced in May, with the award recipients revealed at a gala event on June 11th at the Hyatt Regency Irvine.

“For the past 23 years, Ernst & Young has honored outstanding entrepreneurs through our Entrepreneur Of The Year program,” said Kurt Binder, Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur Of The Year Orange County/Desert Cities Program Director. “These entrepreneurs make a tremendous difference within our communities and for our larger economy. We thank them for the positive impact they’ve had in our area.”

The Orange County/Desert Cities semifinalists for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award in 2009 are

Kurien Jacob
AFS Technologies, Phoenix, Ariz.

Paul Viviano
Alliance HealthCare Services, Newport Beach, Calif.

James Tuton
American Traffic Solutions, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Deborah Weidenhamer
Auction Systems Auctioneers & Appraisers, Inc., Phoenix, Ariz.

Ari Benowitz, Michael Flatin
BandCon, Costa Mesa, Calif.

Nicole Whyte
Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara LLP, Newport Beach, Calif.

Gerald Buesing
Buesing Corp., Phoenix, Ariz.

Kerstin Block
Buffalo Exchange, Tucson, Ariz.

Caryn Siebert
Carl Warren & Company, Placentia, Calif.

John Godbout
CCS Presentation Systems, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Ronald Andrews
Clariant Inc., Aliso Viejo, Calif.

Robert Funari
Crescent Healthcare, Inc., Anaheim, Calif.

Jonathan Ord
Dealersocket, Inc., San Clemente, Calif.

Steve Joe
D-Link Systems, Inc., Fountain Valley, Calif.

Puneet Nanda
Dr. Fresh, Inc., Buena Park, Calif.

Vic Tanon
Emplicity, Irvine, Calif.

Kenneth Walker, Daniel Walker, Henry Walker
Farmers & Merchants Bank, Long Beach, Calif.

Jared Pobre
Future Ads LLC, Irvine, Calif.

Roger Helms
HelmsBriscoe, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Chris Knott
INT Technologies LLC, Phoenix, Ariz.

Assad Kazeminy
Irvine Pharmaceutical Services, Irvine, Calif.

Kris Thordason
K2 General Contractors, Inc., Irvine, Calif.

David Suder
KHS&S Contractors, Inc., Anaheim, Calif.

Todd Davis
LifeLock, Tempe, Ariz.

Chris McMurry
McMurry, Inc., Phoenix, Ariz.

Rick Randall
National Patient Services, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Doug Antone
Networks in Motion, Inc., Aliso Viejo, Calif.

Eyal Shahar
Online Trading Academy, Irvine, Calif.

Crystal Slawson
Phoenix Pipelines, Inc., Phoenix, Ariz.

Liz McKinley
Pinnacle Petroleum, Inc., Huntington Beach, Calif.

James Lee
Pioneer Circuits, Inc., Santa Ana, Calif.



Wade Olson
Precept, Irvine, Calif.

William Tauber
Progressive Lighting & Energy Solutions, Inc., Tustin, Calif.

Sheldon Razin
Quality Systems, Inc., Irvine, Calif.

Kenneth Rohl
Rohl LLC, Irvine, Calif.

Susan Johnson
Susan's Healthy Gourmet, Irvine, Calif.

Timothy Britt
Synoptek, Inc., Santa Ana, Calif.

James Hooker
Televerde, Phoenix, Ariz.

Ray Zadjmool
Tevora Business Solutions, Inc., Irvine, Calif.

Kent Alder
TTM Technologies, Newport Beach, Calif.

Brian Cescolini, Steve Jones
Universal Services of America, Santa Ana, Calif.

Regional award winners will be eligible for consideration in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2009 national program. Winners in numerous national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 14, 2009. The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.



This year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 23rd anniversary. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 135 cities in 50 countries throughout the world. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

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Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards are pleased to have the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and SAP America as national sponsors.

Sponsors in the Orange County/Desert Cities program include Marsh, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, Scherzer International, Orange County Business Journal, Strategic Equity Group, HKA and RR Donnelley.

Contact information

To make reservations for the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards gala on June 11th, contact Roseann Wright of Ernst & Young LLP at 949-437-0497 or roseann.wright@ey.com by May 28th. Tickets are \$225 per person. For more information about the program, please visit www.ey.com/us/eoy.

About Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year® Awards Program

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