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Award Recipients of Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® Award Announced in the Pacific Northwest

Seattle, Washington, June 26, 2006 – Ernst & Young LLP recently announced the award recipients of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] 2006 award in the Pacific Northwest. This year's finalists and award recipients were recognized at a special 20th anniversary gala event at the Westin Bellevue on June 23, 2006 with more than 400 people in attendance.

All of the award recipients were selected by an independent panel of judges composed of area leaders from business, academic and civic organizations. The Pacific Northwest Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2006 award recipients are:

- Communications Peter Chase, President, Purcell Systems
- Consumer Products Stephanie Allen, CEO, and Tina Kuna, CFO, Dream Dinners
- Construction & Real Estate Eric H. Campbell, President, CamWest Development Inc.
- Financial Services Geoff Davis, President, Unitus
- Health Services Gerald McMorrow, Chairman and CEO, Diagnostic Ultrasound
- Manufacturing Marian Joh, Chairman and CEO, Andrews Space
- Services John Oppenheimer, President, Columbia Hospitality
- **Technology** Scott Keeney, President and CEO, nLight

"Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award recipients embrace the entrepreneurial spirit and determination necessary to achieve success," said Greg Beams, Ernst & Young partner and Entrepreneur Of The Year program director for the Pacific Northwest. "Ernst & Young is proud of its 20-year history in recognizing and supporting these outstanding leaders and their companies."

The Pacific Northwest award recipients are eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2006 national program. Award recipients in several national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award recipient, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California on November 18, 2006. The overall national Entrepreneur Of The Year award recipient is then considered for the world event held in Monte Carlo.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 20th anniversary this year and continues to recognize the leaders and visionaries who are creating and building world-class businesses. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who have demonstrated excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

Sponsors

Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur Of The Year award program is nationally sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. In the Pacific Northwest, local sponsors include The Big Picture Film & Video Arts, The Puget Sound Business Journal, and Scherzer International.

About the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards

The Entrepreneur Of The Year® awards program was created and is produced by professional services firm Ernst & Young LLP. As the first award of its kind, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who are building and leading dynamic and growing businesses. The program honors entrepreneurs through regional, national and global award programs in over 100 cities and 35 countries.

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