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### **Winners for Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2009 awards in New Jersey announced**

*New Jersey, NJ, Wednesday, June 24, 2009* – Ernst & Young LLP is pleased to announce the winners of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® awards in New Jersey. This group of leading entrepreneurs was selected by an independent judging panel and the winners were revealed at a gala event on Tuesday June 23 at the Teaneck Marriott at Glenpointe, NJ. The evening also included a special Lifetime Achievement award which was presented to John Martinson of Edison Venture Fund.

“We congratulate these entrepreneurs on their significant achievements,” said Keith Brownlie, Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur Of The Year Program Director for New Jersey. “The Entrepreneur Of The Year award salutes their efforts in business excellence and community improvement. We would all do well to emulate their determination and enthusiasm.”

The New Jersey winners for the Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur Of The Year award in 2009 are:

Business Services	Jason	Friedman	Creative Realities
Communications	Daniel	Schulman	Virgin Mobile USA
Emerging	Michael	Wells	Aton Pharma, Inc.
Financial Services	Robert	Cortright	FX Solutions, LLC
Financial Services	Thomas	Plaut	FX Solutions, LLC
Government & Security Services	Kurus	Elavia	Gateway Group One
IT Consulting	Ranjini	Poddar	Artech Information Systems LLC
Lifetime Achievement Award	John	Martinson	Edison Venture Fund
Manufacturing	Bruce	Downey	Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Pharmaceuticals	Howard	Weisman	EKR Therapeutics, Inc.
Retail & Distribution Services	Lyle	Rawlings	Advanced Solar Products, Inc.
Technology Solutions	Dr. York	Wang	York Telecom

Regional award winners will be eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur Of The Year 2009 national awards. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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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### **About Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year® Awards Program**

Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year® Award is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The award makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global award of its kind, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 135 cities in 50 countries.

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