



## **Award Winners of Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year(R) Award Announced in Metropolitan New York Area**

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 29, 2006--Ernst & Young LLP today announced the winners of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year(R) 2006 award in the Metropolitan New York Area. This year's award winners were recognized at a special 20th anniversary gala event at the New York Marriott Marquis in Times Square with more than 500 people in attendance.

All of the award winners were selected by an independent panel of judges composed of area leaders from business, academic and civic organizations (see names below). The Metropolitan New York Area Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2006 award winners are:

- Corporate Services - Norman Brodsky and Elaine Brodsky, Co-founders, Citi Storage LLC, Brooklyn, NY
- Distribution - Stuart Rahr, President & CEO, Kinray, Whitestone, NY
- Emerging - Michael Gordon, President & Founder, ConsumerPowerline, New York, NY
- Human Resources - Bill Greenblatt, CEO & Founder, Sterling Testing Systems, Inc., New York, NY
- Lifetime Award - Richard Edelman, President & CEO, Edelman Worldwide, New York, NY
- Professional Services - Mark Harris, CEO & Founder, Axiom Legal, New York, NY
- Retail-Consumer Products - Howard Levitt, President, Tourneau, New York, NY - Category Tie
- Retail-Consumer Products - Barry Prevor, Steven Shore, Steve & Barry's University Sportswear, Port Washington, NY - Category Tie
- Technology - Glen de Vries, Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Medidata Solutions, Inc., New York, NY
- Turnaround - Frank MacInnis, Chairman & CEO, EMCOR Group, Inc., Norwalk, CT

Additionally, a special Youth Entrepreneur Award was presented to Omar Mohammed Faruk, to recognize his amazing business success at the early age of 17. Omar recently won the annual National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship for his company, Bluestream, which provides low cost web presence and computer training to non-profit organizations who wouldn't regularly be able to afford it. This special presentation was given by Alan Patricof, co-founder of APAX Partners who is a very well-known presence in the venture capital community.

"Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award winners embrace the entrepreneurial spirit and determination necessary to achieve success," said Joseph Capparelli, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year program director for the Metropolitan New York Area. "Ernst & Young is proud of its 20-year history in recognizing and supporting these outstanding leaders and their companies."

Metropolitan New York Area award winners are eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2006 national program. Award winners in several 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 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. There were several past Award Recipients at this year's celebration.

The awards banquet will be replayed on the web beginning Friday, July 7th, 2006 for one week at <http://www.ey.com/us/entrepreneur>.

This year's independent judging panel included John Bello, President, JoNa Ventures, Regional Award Recipient in 1999 and National Award Recipient in 2001 for SoBe Beverages; Christopher Duda, Vice President, Goldman Sachs; Steve Hindy, President, Brooklyn Brewery and Regional Award Recipient in 2004; Roger Hurwitz, Partner, APAX Partners; Dr. Anat Lechner, Professor of Management, Stern School of Business, New York University; Terence Powell, Managing Director, Nasdaq; and Alair Townsend, Publisher, Crain's New York Business.

#### About the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards

The Entrepreneur Of The Year(R) 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.

Status	Category	Company Name	Nominee	City	State
Winner	Technology	Medidata Solutions, Inc.	Glen de Vries	New York	NY
Finalist	Technology	CosmoCom	Ari Sonesh	Melville	NY
<b>Finalist</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>NexVue Analytics Corporation</b>	<b>Daniel Schwartz</b>	<b>Stamford</b>	<b>CT</b>
Winner	Corporate Services	Citi Storage LLC	Elaine Brodsky & Norman Brodsky	Brooklyn	NY
Finalist	Corporate Services	LDI/Color ToolBox	Jerome Blaine	New York	NY
Finalist	Corporate Services	Trade-Winds Environmental Restorations, Inc.	Michael O'Reilly	Bayshore	NY
Finalist	Distribution	Bamberger Polymers Corp	Lawrence Ubertini	Jericho	NY
Winner	Distribution	Kinray	Stewart Rahr	Whitestone	NY

Finalist	Distribution	MXenergy	Jeffrey Mayer & Robi Artman-Hodge	Stamford	CT
Winner	Emerging	ConsumerPowerline	Michael Gordon	New York	NY
Finalist	Emerging	Klipmart	Chris Young	New York	NY
Finalist	Emerging	Massive Inc.	Mitch Davis	New York	NY
Finalist	Emerging	The NewsMarket, Inc.	Shoba Purushothaman	New York	NY
Finalist	Human Resources	Atrium Staffing	Rebecca Cenni	New York	NY
Finalist	Human Resources	MetSchools, Inc.	Michael Koffler	New York	NY
Winner	Human Resources	Sterling Testing Systems, Inc.	Bill Greenblatt	New York	NY
Winner	Lifetime	Edelman Public Relations	Richard Edelman	New York	NY
Finalist	Professional Services	Axiom Legal	Mark Harris	New York	NY
Finalist	Professional Services	Financial Guaranty Insurance Co.	Frank Bivona	New York	NY
Finalist	Professional Services	Greater NY Mutual Insurance	Warren Heck	New York	NY
Finalist	Retail-- Consumer Products	Darien Sports Shop	Gina Zangrillo	Darien	CT
Winner	Retail-- Consumer Products	Steve & Barry's University Sportswear	Steven Shore & Barry Prevor	Port Washington	NY
Winner	Retail-- Consumer Products	Tourneu Inc.	Howard Levitt	New York	NY
Finalist	Turnaround	24/7 Real Media	David Moore	New York	NY
Winner	Turnaround	Emcor Group Inc.	Frank Macinnis	Norwalk	CT
Finalist	Turnaround	Everlast	Seth Horowitz	New York	NY

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