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### Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 Upper Midwest Award winners announced

*Exemplary entrepreneurs were honored at program's 25th anniversary gala*

Milwaukee, WI, June 15, 2011 – Ernst & Young LLP is pleased to announce the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 Upper Midwest Award winners. This group of leading entrepreneurs was selected by an independent judging panel made up of previous winners of the award, leading CEOs, private capital investors and other regional business leaders. The winners were revealed at a gala event on June 15 at the Frontier Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

“Ernst & Young has honored outstanding entrepreneurs like this year’s winners for the past 25 years,” said Kevin Klimara, Ernst & Young LLP Partner and Entrepreneur Of The Year Upper Midwest Program Director. “These business leaders have accomplished so much and contributed a tremendous amount to the community. They give us hope for what the next 25 years of entrepreneurs will bring.”

The Upper Midwest region includes companies based in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Entrepreneur Of The Year 2011 Award winners in the Upper Midwest region are:

- ▶ Hospitality: **Joseph Bartolotta – Bartolotta Restaurants** (Wauwatosa, Wisconsin)
- ▶ Consumer Products: **Deborah Carey – New Glarus Brewing Co.** (New Glarus, Wisconsin)

- ▶ Retail: **Chris Coborn – Coborn's Incorporated** (Saint Cloud, Minnesota)
- ▶ Emerging: **Jeff Julkowski, Killian Rieder and Michael Flaherty – Chamilia, LLC** (Minneapolis, Minnesota)
- ▶ Manufacturing: **Joel Quadracci – Quad/Graphics** (Sussex, Wisconsin)
- ▶ Master Entrepreneur: **Timothy Sullivan – Bucyrus International, Inc.** (Oak Creek, Wisconsin)
- ▶ Technology: **Paul Wagner – Minnesota Wire** (Saint Paul, Minnesota)

**Henry Knueppel of Regal Beloit Corporation**, based in Beloit, Wisconsin, was also honored with the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Lifetime Achievement Award for more than 30 years of business success, industry transformation and contributions to the community.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year Program honors entrepreneurs regionally in June, leading up to the national awards in November. Additionally, venture-backed companies that win an Entrepreneur Of The Year Award regionally are also eligible for the Entrepreneur Of The Year Venture Capital Award of Excellence on a national level. The overall National US winner then moves on to compete for the Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in June.

This year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Program celebrates its 25th anniversary. The program, which originated in Milwaukee, has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 140 cities and more than 50 countries throughout the world. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

All regional honorees are invited to the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala, hosted by Jay Leno, on November 12, 2011, in Palm Springs, California. The gala is the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies. For more information on the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, please visit [www.ey.com/us/strategicgrowthforum](http://www.ey.com/us/strategicgrowthforum).

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