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Illinois Entrepreneurs Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2004 Award Winners

Illinois, June 10, 2004 – Professional services firm Ernst & Young LLP announced today the winners of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2004 Award. The winners were selected by an independent panel of judges comprised of local community and business leaders.

The Illinois winners of Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® are:

- **Real Estate/Construction/Design** – Steven W. Baird, CEO & President, Baird & Warner
- **Retail/Consumer Products** – Roger D’Orazio, CEO, Collision Revision
- **Business Services** – Gary E. Holdren, CEO & President, Huron Consulting Group
- **Food & Beverage** – James L. Liataud, CEO & Chairman, Jimmy John’s Enterprises, Inc.
- **Emerging** – Ned Bennett, CEO & Co-Founder, and David Kalt, President & Co-Founder, OptionsXpress
- **Information Technology** – James Crouthamel, Founder, Performics
- **Life Sciences/Health Sciences** – Mark C. Miller, President & CEO, Stericycle
- **Realizing Business Potential** – Richard W. Padula, President & CEO, Syclo LLC
- **Wholesale/Manufacturing/Distribution** – Selim Bassoul, President & CEO, The Middleby Corporation

“Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award winners embrace the entrepreneurial spirit and determination necessary to achieve success,” said Randall L.

Tavierne, Partner. "Ernst & Young is proud of its history recognizing and supporting these outstanding leaders and their companies."

The Illinois award winners are now eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2004 national program. Winners in several national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year®, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, Calif., in November 2004. The overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award winner is then considered for the world event held in Monte Carlo.

Illinois Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2004 program sponsors are Crain's Chicago Business, Clifton Gunderson LLP, Mayer, Brown, Rowe, & Maw, Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center, and The British Midlands.

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

The Ernst & Young 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 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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