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Ernst & Young announces Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2013 finalists in Gulf Coast Area Awards program

Houston, TX May 7, 2013 - Ernst & Young LLP today announced the finalists for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2013 Award in the Gulf Coast Area. The awards program recognizes high-growth entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. These finalists were selected from nearly 70 nominations by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on Thursday, June 13 at the Hilton America's Houston Hotel.

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Now in its 27th year, the Entrepreneur of the Year Program has expanded globally to recognize company builders in over 140 cities and in more than 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners go on to compete at the national level. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the National Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Overall Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 16, 2013. 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.

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