



**Chris Dirksing, Managing Director of Brighton Capital Partners
Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 South Central
Ohio & Kentucky Award Finalist**

Cincinnati, Ohio (May 13, 2011) – Brighton Capital Partners today announced that Chris Dirksing, Managing Director is an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 South Central Ohio & Kentucky Award finalist. According to Ernst & Young LLP, the awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Chris Dirksing was selected as a finalist from nearly 100 nominations by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 30, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Program celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 140 cities and more than 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Award. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year overall National Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 12, 2011. 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, which will be held November 9–13, 2011.

Sponsors

Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are pleased to have the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation as a national sponsor.

In South Central Ohio & Kentucky, sponsors include Frost Brown Todd LLC, Thompson Hine LLC, Business Courier Cincinnati, Business First Columbus, Business First Louisville and The Eisen Agency.

About Brighton Capital Partners

Brighton Capital Partners is a private investment and advisory firm that invests in and advises middle market companies in transition. With extensive experience in operations and finance, Brighton Capital Partners is uniquely qualified to assist under-performing companies build value for the benefit of all stakeholders.

About Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year[®]

Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The unique 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, Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 140 cities in more than 50 countries.

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