

Watco Companies Inc., Announcement



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Subject: Rick Webb, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2010 Award Nominee

Rick Webb selected as finalist for Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2010 Award in the Central Midwest

Ernst & Young LLP announced that Watco CEO Rick Webb has been selected as a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2010 award in the Central Midwest. The finalists were selected by an independent judging panel made up of regional business, academic and community leaders. The Central Midwest program recognizes companies based in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska.

Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The awards makes a difference through the unique way it encourages entrepreneurial activity amongst those with potential and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire other with their vision, leadership and achievement.

"I feel honored to be recognized by Ernst & Young, but it's our outstanding people in the entire company who deserve to be recognized. Their daily dedication to provide the best quality of service for our Customers is the reason we are successful," Webb said. "Everyone at Watco should be extremely proud of this outstanding recognition they've earned and use it as incentive to continue on our path of long term success."

Celebrating its 24th anniversary, the program recognizes business leaders in over 135 cities in 50 countries throughout the world. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

Winners will be announced June 2, 2010 and will then go on to the National event in November.