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**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA'S
2002 ERNST & YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR®
AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED AT JUNE 19 GALA**

Local Entrepreneurs Recognized As Critical to National Entrepreneurial Market
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA, June 19, 2002 – Jeffrey Vrabel, Partner at Ernst & Young's Central Pennsylvania practice, last night announced the 2002 Central Pennsylvania Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award recipients at a gala event at the Harrisburg-Hershey Marriott.

Chosen by a distinguished independent panel of judges that is made up of business leaders from around the area, Central Pennsylvania's 2002 Entrepreneur Of The Year award recipients are:

Emerging Entrepreneur Of The Year:

Kathy Phillips, Primitives by Kathy, Inc. Lancaster, PA

Advertising/Media Entrepreneur Of The Year:

Michael Horgan, JPL Productions, Inc. Harrisburg, PA

Consumer Products Entrepreneur Of The Year:

Kent Martin, Signature Custom Cabinetry, Inc. Ephrata, PA

General Contractor Entrepreneur Of The Year:

Stan Custer, Jr., Custer Homes, Inc. Harrisburg, PA

Subcontractor Entrepreneur Of The Year:

Bernette Wrobel., Pagoda Electrical, Inc. Reading, PA

Services Entrepreneur Of The Year:

Christopher Miller, Innovation Focus, Inc. Lancaster, PA

Technology Entrepreneur Of The Year:

Paul Kilker, GGS Information Services, Inc. York, PA

Telecom/Communications Entrepreneur Of The Year:

Jeffrey Winemiller, Winemiller Communications, Inc. Carlisle, PA

Supporter of Entrepreneurship:

Tony Iannelli, Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce

Allentown, PA

Supporter of Entrepreneurship:

Judith Sen, Ben Franklin Venture Investment Forum

Harrisburg, PA

The awards gala, held at the Harrisburg-Hershey Marriott, marks the end of an extensive search to identify and recognize Central Pennsylvania's outstanding entrepreneurs. "The 2002 award recipients exemplify the spirit and qualities of leadership, determination, and true entrepreneurial vision," said Jeff Vrabel. "The spirit of entrepreneurship is alive and well in Central Pennsylvania."

Central Pennsylvania's winners are now eligible to participate in the National Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program, which is designed to honor outstanding owners of fast-growing companies and supporters of entrepreneurship in the U.S. The program recognizes entrepreneurs who have demonstrated excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

The national search will culminate at a black-tie awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 21, 2002, where national finalists and the Entrepreneur Of The Year award winners will be announced and celebrated by more than 2,000 attendees.

"Our entrepreneurs are today's pioneers -- the men and women who are willing to take risks in order to create new and better ways to do business," said Stephen D. Steinour, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Bank, a major sponsor of this year's program.

"Entrepreneurs are a driving force in job creation, economic expansion and ultimately the vitality and quality of towns and cities," Steinour said.

"Citizens Bank believes that it is crucial to encourage, acknowledge and support efforts by these individuals."

The independent panel of judges that selected Central Pennsylvania's award recipients consisted of:

- John Arnold, Chairman, Petroleum Products Corporation
- Delight Breidegam, Chairman, East Penn Manufacturing Company
- David Carver, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Economic Development Association
- Mimi Barash Coopersmith Fredman, Founder, The Barash Group
- Patricia Langiotti, President, Creative Management Concepts
- John Mirro, Independent Consultant
- Robert Ortenzio, Chief Executive Officer, President, Select Medical Corporation

Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP and nationally co-sponsored by USA Today, CNN, the Nasdaq Stock Market, and the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the awards are sponsored locally by Citizens Bank, Central Penn Business Journal, Clear Channel Worldwide and the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania. Recipients of the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards become lifetime members of the Entrepreneur Of The Year Hall of Fame.

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