

## Companion Systems Named Finalist for Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in Utah

**April 29, 2008, SALT LAKE CITY, UT** – Companion Systems Design & Manufacturing was named today as one of the finalists for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award in Utah. As one of the finalists, Companion Systems was selected by an independent judging panel made up of regional business, academic and community leaders. The winners will be revealed at a gala event on June 27, 2008 at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

“We are extremely proud to have been named as a finalist in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award,” said Al Tiley, president of Companion Systems. “The tremendous growth we have experienced over the past 5 years is because of our dedicated team of employees and strong partnerships. We view this recent recognition as a salute to each and every one of them.”

“These finalists are the best of the best, embodying the unique spirit of entrepreneurship,” said David Jolley, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Program Director for Utah. “They positively impact our region in a major way, through jobs, community growth and development and innovation. Ernst & Young is proud to salute them.”

Regional award winners will be eligible for consideration in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2008 national program. Winners in numerous national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 15, 2008. 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.

This year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 22nd anniversary. The program has expanded to recognize 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.

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