

**Broadnet's Stephen Patterson, Brian Brown and Michael Davis  
Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2009 Award  
Finalist in the Rocky Mountain Region**

**Denver, CO, May 15, 2009** – Broadnet announced today that Stephen Patterson, President & CEO, Brian Brown, Chief Technology Officer and Michael Davis, Executive Vice President, are finalists for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2009 Award in the Rocky Mountain Region. According to Ernst & Young LLP, the awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Patterson, Brown and Davis were selected by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 18, 2009 at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Denver.

“I have never considered myself an entrepreneur, so to be honored with this award is very humbling. My team is always striving to innovate for our customers. We very rarely take the time to recognize what we have accomplished,” said Patterson. “Over the last seven years Broadnet has continued to grow, innovate and create a unique platform of products because of my great team. I want to share this recognition with them, as it is not a small task to connect one with thousands, even millions of people and create a personal experience.”

Patterson, Brown and Davis founded Broadnet in 2002 with a mission to connect organizations and large audiences in live discussions on an individual and personal level. Groups engage via phone, video, Internet or wireless technologies to experience and participate in conversations. Used for campaigning, fan forums, promotions, Broadnet has continued to break into various industry sectors. Current customers include AARP, NFL teams, Congressmen and Presidential candidates.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this year. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 135 cities in 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur Of The Year national program. Award winners in several 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 14, 2009. 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.

### **Sponsors**

Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards are pleased to have the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and SAP America as national sponsors.

In the Rocky Mountain Region, sponsors include Faegre & Benson, Clifton Gunderson LLP, LeGrand Hart, and The Denver Business Journal.

### **About Broadnet**

Broadnet connects thousands of people with live, real-time experiences via its platform of web integrated products. Broadnet's unique platform of products engages audiences in dialog on a variety of topics including business, marketing, education, entertainment, sports and politics. From polling to video casting to voice broadcasting Broadnet captures audiences and gets results. Founded in 2002, Highlands Ranch, Colorado-based Broadnet has worked with members of the United States Congress and companies such as AARP and the NFL. Visit [www.broadnetconnects.com](http://www.broadnetconnects.com) for more information.

### **About Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year® Awards Program**

Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year® Award is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The 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, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 135 cities in 50 countries.

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