

Jeff Stroburg named finalist for regional Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer of Renewable Energy Group nominated for leadership, innovation in the renewable fuels and agriculture industries

(AMES, Iowa) April 23, 2010—Renewable Energy Group® joins Ernst & Young in announcing the nomination of Jeff Stroburg, Chairman and CEO, as a finalist for Entrepreneur Of The Year® award in the Central Midwest.

Recently, Ernst & Young LLP announced its finalists for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award in the Central Midwest region. This group of outstanding entrepreneurs was 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.

“Entrepreneurship is especially vital as our nation recovers from recession,” said Randy Buseman, Ernst & Young Partner, Strategic Growth Markets. “These finalists create jobs in our area, encouraging healthy growth, development and innovation in the local economy.”

In addition to his role as Chairman and CEO of North America’s largest biodiesel manufacturing and marketing business, Stroburg serves as the President and CEO of [West Central](#), Renewable Energy Group’s predecessor company and of one of the nation’s largest farmer-owned cooperatives.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year program honors entrepreneurs regionally in June, leading up to the national awards in November. Additionally, venture-backed companies that win an Entrepreneur Of The Year award regionally are also eligible for the Venture Capital Award of Excellence on a national level.

The winners will be revealed at a gala event on June 2, 2010 at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Entrepreneurs are nominated and evaluated by those in each region, including local business, academic and community leaders.

This year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 24th anniversary. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 135 cities in 50 countries throughout the world.

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All regional honorees are invited to the national Entrepreneur Of The Year gala, hosted by Jay Leno, on November 13, 2010 in Palm Springs, California. The gala is the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies. For more information on the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, please visit www.ey.com/us/strategicgrowthforum.

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