

EY ANNOUNCES GEP CEO SUBHASH MAKHIJA NAMED EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR 2016

CLARK, NJ – June 27, 2016 – EY has announced that [Subhash Makhija, CEO and Co-Founder of GEP](#), a leading provider of procurement software and procurement services to Fortune 500 and Global 2000 companies worldwide, received the [EY Entrepreneur of the Year® 2016 Award](#) in the technology solutions and staffing category in New Jersey.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award program. The award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Makhija was selected by an independent panel of judges, and the award was presented at a special gala event at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick on June 23, 2016.

“The people of GEP delight our customers every day – and this, more than anything, made GEP a global industry leader and sustained our rapid growth year after year,” said Makhija. “At the same time, the management team – including co-founders Roopa Makhija, Neha Shah and Jagadish Turimella – has demonstrated enormous skill, dedication and energy. I am inspired by the people of GEP and it is on their behalf that I thank EY and the judges.”

Since 1986, EY has honored entrepreneurs whose ingenuity, spirit of innovation and discipline have propelled their companies’ success, invigorated their industries, and benefited their communities. Now in its 30th year, the program has honored the inspirational leadership of such entrepreneurs as Howard Schultz of Starbucks Coffee Company, Robert Unanue of Goya Foods, and Mindy Grossman of HSN. Recent US national winners include Reid Hoffman and Jeff Weiner of LinkedIn; Hamdi Ulukaya, founder of Chobani; and 2015 winners Andreas Bechtolsheim and Jayshree Ullal of Arista Networks.

As a New Jersey award winner, Makhija is now eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur of the Year 2016 national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur of the Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the Entrepreneur of the Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 19, 2016. The awards are the culminating event of the Strategic Growth Forum, a prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies. The U.S. Entrepreneur of the Year Overall Award winner then moves on to compete for the World Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Monaco in June of 2017.

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In New Jersey, sponsors also include PNC, DLA Piper, Morgan Lewis, Pine Hill Group, Cresa, Empire Valuation Consultants, SolomonEdwards Group and NJBIZ.

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Clark, NJ-based GEP has 12 offices and operations centers in Europe, Asia and the Americas.

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