

**Paris Companies President/CEO Dave Stern
Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year®2011 Western
Pennsylvania and West Virginia Award Winner**

Award Recognizes Entrepreneurial Excellence in Business Services Category

DUBOIS, PA, June 14, 2011 – Paris Companies, Pennsylvania’s largest, independently owned textile services company, announced that Dave Stern, President/CEO, received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year®2011 Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia Award in the business services category. According to Ernst & Young LLP, 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. Stern was selected by an independent panel of judges, and the award was presented at a Gala event at the Westin Convention Center on Friday, June 10.

“I was humbled to be nominated, honored to be selected as a finalist in such a prestigious group of entrepreneurs and even more humbled to have been chosen as a winner. I could not have achieved this honor without the great team of employees that are the backbone of our success,” said Stern.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Program celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. Past award winners have included Howard Schultz of Starbucks Coffee Company, Arthur M. Blank of AMB Group, LLC (Home Depot, Atlanta Falcons), Pierre Omidyar of eBay, Inc., Ruth Fertel of Ruth’s Chris Steak House, Inc., Maxine Clark of Build-a-Bear Workshop, Tom Adams of Rosetta Stone Inc., Matt Szulik of Red Hat, Inc., and last year’s national winner, Howard Lutnick, Chairman and CEO of Cantor Fitzgerald and BGC Capital Partners, Inc.

As a Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia award winner, Stern is now eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2011 National Award. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the overall Ernst & Young

Entrepreneur of the Year National Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 12, 2011. 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, which will be held November 9–13, 2011.

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