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Everest Group CEO Peter Bendor-Samuel Named One of Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year Regional Award Winners

DALLAS, TX, July 17, 2007 – Everest Group CEO Peter Bendor-Samuel has been named by Ernst & Young LLP as one of the winners of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2007 awards in Southwest Area North (North Texas/Arkansas/Oklahoma). Bendor-Samuel was one of 10 award winners selected by an independent panel of judges composed of area leaders from business, academic and civic organizations. He was named winner in the Technical Services category.

Bendor-Samuel founded Everest Group, a global sourcing consultancy firm, in 1991. The firm was pioneer of the sourcing/outsourcing consulting category. Since then, Everest Group has emerged as one of the world's leading sourcing authorities and continues to grow, serving clients from offices in Dallas, New York, London, Toronto, Melbourne and other international cities. In 1997, Everest Group founded the Outsourcing Center (www.outsourcing-center.com), an online community specializing in thought leadership, best practices, and innovation in outsourcing. The Outsourcing Center publishes the *Outsourcing Journal* and has also recognized industry leaders for outstanding outsourcing best practices through its Outsourcing Excellence Awards program for the past 11 years. Everest Group further invested in thought leadership by establishing the Everest Research Institute in 2005, an independent research group that serves as a central source of independent and objective strategic intelligence, analysis, and actionable insight for leading corporations, service providers, and investors in the global outsourcing and offshoring marketplace.

"It is truly an honor to be recognized as an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Award winner in the Texas/Oklahoma/Arkansas region," said Bendor-Samuel. "The award is symbolic of the results we've achieved on behalf of hundreds of clients we have served over the past 16 years who have realized the benefits sourcing and outsourcing. This recognition is also the result of our continued commitment to hire talented staff that provides smart thinking and great service to our clients and the business community."

Southwest Area North award winners are eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2007 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 17, 2007. The overall national Entrepreneur Of The Year award recipient is then considered for the worldwide event held in Monte Carlo.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 21st anniversary this year and continues to recognize the leaders and visionaries who are creating and building world-class businesses. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who have demonstrated excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program was created and is produced by professional services firm Ernst & Young LLP. As the first award of its kind, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who are building and leading dynamic and growing businesses. The program, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2007, honors entrepreneurs through regional, national and global award programs in over 125 cities and 40 countries.

About Everest Group

Everest Group is a global consulting firm with offices in such leading business centers as Dallas, Delhi, London, New York, Toronto and Melbourne. An industry leader since 1991 when we created the sourcing consulting category, Everest Group has earned a worldwide reputation for ongoing innovation as we help clients achieve maximum value from their sourcing strategy and implementation. Everest created the Everest Research Institute (www.everestresearchinstitute.com) as the central source of industry information. Please visit www.everestgrp.com and www.everestresearchinstitute.com for more information.

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