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JOHN VAREL, CEO OF FUSIONSTORM, NAMED FINALIST FOR ERNST & YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR® 2008 AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO, CA--(Marketwire - June 20, 2008) - FusionStorm -- "Making Technology Work" -- an award-winning systems integrator and managed service provider, announced that John Varel, CEO and Founder of FusionStorm, is a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2008 Award in Northern California. 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. John Varel was selected as a finalist from over 90 nominations by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on 21st June at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

John has had a successful and colorful career as an entrepreneur that has spanned over 30 years. Prior to starting FusionStorm in 1994, he was co-founder of The Concorde Group, one of the largest resellers of Sun Microsystems refurbished hardware. He has also launched many successful syndications, including: Meris Laboratories, the largest physician owned clinical laboratory in the nation, and Zephyr Park, Ltd., one of the earliest wind-parks in Southern California.

John has also performed successful turnarounds in the manufacturing, broadcast and distribution industries. His passion for protecting the environment and concern for global warming has led him to consciously practice this lifestyle, by living off-grid, on a sustainable farming plantation in Waihee, Maui, with his wife Angie.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 22nd 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 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 15, 2008. The awards are the concluding portion of Ernst & Young's Strategic Growth Forum, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

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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.

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