

**Loop Capital Chairman & CEO James Reynolds Jr.
Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] 2011 Midwest
Award winner**

Award Recognizes Entrepreneurial Excellence in Financial Services

Chicago, IL, June 29, 2011 – Loop Capital Markets LLC, one of the country’s fastest growing investment banking firms, announced today that James Reynolds Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] 2011 Midwest Award in the financial 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. Reynolds was selected by an independent panel of judges, and the award was presented at a gala event at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers on June 22, 2011.

Loop Capital Markets was founded in 1997 with six employees, and has since become one of the largest privately held investment banking and brokerage firms in the U.S., with over 150 employees in 22 offices across the country. Throughout all periods of aggressive growth, the firm has maintained an uncompromising commitment to client service, an innovative approach to growing the business, and a significant commitment to the communities in which the firm operates. Being a dynamic member of the community is of the utmost importance to Reynolds – in addition to his role as Chairman and CEO of Loop Capital, Reynolds serves as the newly appointed Chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority, Vice Chair of the Chicago Urban League, and board member for various other philanthropic efforts throughout the nation. As Reynolds explains, “paying it forward is not an option, it’s a responsibility.”

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 Midwest region award winner, Reynolds 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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Regional sponsors for the Midwest program include ManpowerGroup, Charter One Bank, Winston & Strawn LLP, SAP, *Smart Business* magazine and Becker Professional Education. Locally, the program is sponsored by the Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center, Gibbs & Soell Public Relations and WBBM Newsradio 780.

About Loop Capital

Loop Capital, founded in 1997, is a highly client-focused provider of a broad range of integrated capital solutions for corporate, governmental and institutional entities. Loop Capital Markets and its affiliates, Loop Capital Advisors and Loop Financial Products, serve clients in corporate and public finance, financial advisory services, taxable, tax-exempt and global equity securities sales and trading, as well as investment management, commodities trading and interest rate swaps.

Headquartered in Chicago, the firm has over 150 professionals in 22 offices located in Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Hartford, Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Newark, Oakland, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Antonio, San Francisco, Tampa, Washington D.C., and West Palm Beach.

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among those with potential, and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global award of its kind, Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 140 cities in more than 50 countries.

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