

## Artech Information Systems' President, Ranjini Poddar, Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2009 Award Winner in New Jersey

## Award Recognizes Entrepreneurial Excellence in IT Consulting Category

Cedar Knolls, NJ, June 26, 2009 – Artech Information Systems LLC, an IT Consulting and Workforce Solutions provider, today announced that Ranjini Poddar, President, received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2009 Award in the IT Consulting category in New Jersey. According to Ernst & Young LLP, the award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who are building and leading dynamic, growing businesses. Ms. Poddar was selected by an independent panel of judges, and the award was presented at a gala event at the Teaneck Marriott at Glenpointe on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

"I am honored," she said. "But I couldn't have done it by myself. I work with the finest team in the industry."

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year awards celebrate their 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this year. The program honors entrepreneurs who have demonstrated exceptionality in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

"We are proud to recognize the achievements of Ms. Poddar," said Keith Brownlie, Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur Of The Year Program Director for New Jersey. "Winners of the Entrepreneur Of The Year award build leading businesses and contribute significantly to the strength of our region's economy. Their success helps our area grow stronger."

As a New Jersey award winner, Ms. Poddar is now eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur Of The Year 2009 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 14, 2009. 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.

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Supplier to more than 35 Fortune 500 companies.

About Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year® Awards Program

Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year® Award is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The award makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity 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, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards

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