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## **Avineon President & CEO Karlu Rambhala Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® Award Finalist**

**Alexandria, Va.** – May 28, 2008 – Avineon, Inc. ([www.avineon.com](http://www.avineon.com)), a successful provider of IT, geospatial, engineering and program management services, today announced that President and CEO, [Karlu Rambhala](#), is a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2008 Award in the Greater Washington Region. Rambhala was selected as a finalist from nearly 100 nominations by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at the Ritz Carlton, Tysons Corner.

“I am honored to have been named a finalist for this prestigious award,” said Rambhala. “My success as an entrepreneur derives in large part from the outstanding support I have received through the years from Avineon’s customers and staff. I thank everyone involved for their efforts and look forward to more opportunities to work together.”

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary this year of recognizing entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. 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 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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