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### **EY Announces Dan Berkon of Culmen International as an Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2024 Mid-Atlantic Award Finalist**

*Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates ambitious entrepreneurs who are shaping the future*

**Alexandria, VA, May 6, 2024** – Ernst & Young LLP (EY US) announced that Dan Berkon of Culmen International was named an Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2024 Mid-Atlantic Award finalist. The Mid-Atlantic program celebrates entrepreneurs from Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. Now in its 38th year, Entrepreneur Of The Year is the preeminent competitive business award for audacious leaders who disrupt markets, revolutionize sectors and have a transformational impact on lives. Over the past four decades, the program has recognized the daring entrepreneurs with big ideas and bold actions that reshape our world. Dan Berkon was one of 30 regional entrepreneurs selected as finalists by an independent panel of judges. The candidates were evaluated based on their demonstration of building long-term value through entrepreneurial spirit, purpose, growth, and impact, among other core contributions and attributes.

“I am humbled to have been selected as a finalist for EY’s Entrepreneur Of The Year for our region. I am grateful for the nomination and am honored to be included amongst the other nominees and finalists, several of whom I have observed build extraordinary businesses. My inclusion is really a reflection of the exceptional work done by the team at Culmen International, who work tirelessly to make the world a safer place by helping our customers accomplish critical missions in challenging environments.” said Dan Berkon, Culmen International CEO.

Culmen International, LLC is committed to enhancing international safety and security, improving global health and humanitarian conditions, and optimizing government operations. We have 20 years’ experience providing expertise to multiple departments within the United States Government (USG) and the United Nations (UN). Headquartered in Alexandria, VA, with personnel permanently based in over 35 countries, Culmen has completed projects in over 145 countries on 5 continents. The primary domains that Culmen operates in include: chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) nonproliferation, national security operations, international partner capacity building, global health and military medicine, humanitarian assistance, and international development. Our service capabilities include: technical and program management support, global procurement and logistics, international training and language services, life sciences translational research and laboratory operations, and technology development and implementation. [www.culmen.com](http://www.culmen.com)

Entrepreneur Of The Year honors many different types of business leaders for their ingenuity, courage and entrepreneurial spirit. The program celebrates original founders who bootstrapped their business from inception or who raised outside capital to grow their company; transformational CEOs who infused innovation into an existing organization to catapult its trajectory; and multigenerational family business leaders who reimagined a legacy business model to fortify it for the future.

Regional award winners will be announced on June 20, 2024 during a special celebration and will become lifetime members of an esteemed community of Entrepreneur Of The Year alumni from around the world. The winners will then be considered by the National judges for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards,

which will be presented in November at the annual [Strategic Growth Forum](#)<sup>®</sup>, one of the nation's most prestigious gatherings of high-growth, market-leading companies.

In addition to Entrepreneur Of The Year, EY US supports other entrepreneurs through the [EY Entrepreneurial Winning Women](#)<sup>™</sup> program and the [EY Entrepreneurs Access Network](#) to help connect women founders and Black and Hispanic/Latino entrepreneurs, respectively, with the resources, network and access needed to unlock their full potential.

### **Sponsors**

Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards include presenting sponsors PNC Bank, Cresa, Marsh USA, SAP and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. In Mid-Atlantic, sponsors also include regional Platinum sponsor ADP, regional Gold sponsors Cooley and DLA Piper, and regional Silver sponsor Kelly Benefits Strategies.

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Founded in 1986, Entrepreneur Of The Year<sup>®</sup> has celebrated more than 11,000 ambitious visionaries who are leading successful, dynamic businesses in the US, and it has since expanded to nearly 80 countries and territories globally.

The US program consists of 17 regional programs whose panels of independent judges select the regional award winners every June. Those winners compete for national recognition at the Strategic Growth Forum<sup>®</sup> in November where National finalists and award winners are announced. The overall National winner represents the US at the World Entrepreneur Of The Year<sup>®</sup> competition. Visit [ey.com/us/eoy](http://ey.com/us/eoy).

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