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## Québec Finalists Announced For Canada's Leading Business Awards

*The 13th annual Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® awards name finalists*

**(Montréal, July 6, 2006)**—Twenty-seven top entrepreneurs who have demonstrated leadership, drive and innovation have been chosen from an impressive list of nominees as Québec finalists in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2006 awards.

"The wealth of great visionaries in Québec continues to build our Québec and Canadian economies, and in many cases grow the global marketplace as well," says François Dufresne, director of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year program in Québec and partner at Ernst & Young. "We're proud to recognize the exceptional contributions of these committed individuals to our communities." Mr. Dufresne says.

Canada's most prestigious business awards program is now in its 13th year. The program considers nominees in a number of business categories before selecting finalists. Those finalists for Entrepreneur Of The Year 2006, Québec are:

### BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

#### Mario Rousseau

Energinox (Produces exhaust and fan systems for commercial kitchens)

Val-Bélair, QC

[www.energinox.com](http://www.energinox.com)

#### Zachary Gillman

Interstar Pigments, Admixtures & Fibers (Manufactures products for concrete industry)

Sherbrooke, QC

[www.interstar.ca](http://www.interstar.ca)

#### Fernando Petruzzello

Mechtronix Systems (Designs, builds and assembles flight simulators)

Saint-Laurent, QC

[www.mechtronix.ca](http://www.mechtronix.ca)

#### Arie Koifman

Servomax Inc. (Corporate kitchen services)

Saint-Laurent, QC

[www.servomax.com](http://www.servomax.com)

### BUSINESS-TO-CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

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**Charles Désourdy**

Ski Bromont.com, s.e.c. (Offers sporting attractions for every season)  
Bromont, QC  
[www.skibromont.com](http://www.skibromont.com)

## EMERGING ENTREPRENEUR

**Robert Masse**

GoSecure (Information security services)  
Montréal, QC  
[www.gosecure.ca](http://www.gosecure.ca)

**Magda Slezak**

Magenta Studio Photo (Artistic photography services)  
Montréal, QC  
[www.magentaphoto.com](http://www.magentaphoto.com)

**Tony Falco, Frédéric Francis, François Perraton, Luc Sirois**

Resonant Medical (Researches, develops and manufactures radiotherapy products)  
Montréal, QC  
[www.resonantmedical.com](http://www.resonantmedical.com)

**Caroline Saulnier**

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St-Jacques, QC  
[www.synetik-di.com](http://www.synetik-di.com)

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Saint-Laurent, QC  
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St-Léonard, QC  
[www.bsa.ca](http://www.bsa.ca)

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Papersource Corp. (Transforms sanitary paper)  
Granby, QC  
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## MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Guy Laliberté**

Cirque du Soleil (Entertainment company)  
Montréal, QC  
[www.cirquedusoleil.com](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com)

**Yan Cyr, Emmanuel Viau**

Enzyme Laboratoire de Testing (Video game testing)  
Sainte-Adèle, QC  
[www.enzyme.org](http://www.enzyme.org)

**Joan Vogelesang**

Toon Boom Animation Inc. (Animation technology)  
Montréal, QC  
[www.toonboom.com](http://www.toonboom.com)

## TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION

**Pascal Pilon**

Averna Technologies (Engineering company)  
Montréal, QC  
[www.averna.com](http://www.averna.com)

**Gilles Létourneau**

GFI Solutions Inc. (E-Business and information technology services)  
Montréal, QC  
[www.gfisolutions.com](http://www.gfisolutions.com)

**Louis Tétu**

Taleo (Online corporate talent management)  
Québec, QC  
[www.taleo.com](http://www.taleo.com)

## TURNAROUND ENTREPRENEUR

**Michael Hart**

Hart Stores Inc. (Clothing and home furnishings retailer)

Laval, QC

[www.hartstores.com](http://www.hartstores.com)

**Strath Goodship**

Miranda Technologies Inc. (Video infrastructure products)

Montréal, QC

[www.miranda.com](http://www.miranda.com)

**Richard Bourbeau**

Sixpro Inc. (Metal parts surfacing)

Notre-Dame-du-Bon-Conseil, QC

[www.sixpro.com](http://www.sixpro.com)

On October 26, 2006, a finalist in each business category will be presented with a category award during a gala celebration, with one category recipient then being awarded the title Entrepreneur of the Year for Québec. The Québec Entrepreneur Of The Year goes on to compete with top entrepreneurs from the Pacific, Prairies, Ontario and Atlantic regions for the coveted national honour of Canada's Entrepreneur Of The Year, to be announced November 2, 2006, in Ottawa. In June 2007, Canada's Entrepreneur Of The Year moves to the world stage, joining more than 35 country recipients participating in the international competition for the title of World Entrepreneur Of The Year.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year awards honour entrepreneurs who have demonstrated excellence and extraordinary success in areas such as innovation, risk taking, company development, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Submissions are reviewed by an independent judging panel, which is composed of several distinguished Canadian business leaders and previous award recipients. The members of the Québec panel for 2006 are: Marc DeSerres, president, Omer DeSerres Inc. and 2004 Business-To-Consumer Products and Services Award Recipient; Jean-Marc Leboeuf, president, Le Groupe Créatech Inc. and 2003 Information Technology Award Recipient; Michel Pigeon, rector, Laval University; Guadalupe Reusing, president and CEO, Memory Experts International Inc. and 2005 Technology and Communications Award Recipient; Nathaly Riverin, director, Centre de vigie sur la culture entrepreneuriale; Jean-Luc Sansregret, vice president, Biogénie S.R.D.C. inc. and 2004 Environment and Energy Award Recipient; Howard Stotland, founder, STS Systems and 1997 Information Technology Award Recipient; and Annie Thabet, partner, Celtis Capital and Governor, Réseau Capital.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year program was founded by Ernst & Young to celebrate great entrepreneurs and heighten awareness of the economic impact of entrepreneurial ventures. The program is nationally sponsored by *Global Television Network, National Post, La Presse, RDI* and *Roynat Capital*. In Québec the program is presented in collaboration with *Desjardins Business Centres. Magazine PME* is the Quebec regional media sponsor. To learn more about the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2006 awards, visit [www.eoy.ca](http://www.eoy.ca).

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