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*Alpine President Named 'Entrepreneur of Year' Finalist*

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. (May 13, 2010) – John Griffith, president of [Alpine Waste & Recycling](#) in Commerce City, Colo., is a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year<sup>®</sup> 2010 Award in the Rocky Mountain region.

The award recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and community involvement.

“When I started this business in 1999, I committed to the notion that the commercial waste disposal industry could benefit greatly from an emphasis on customer service,” Griffith said. “I think the results speak for themselves.”

Alpine has experienced a 46 percent compound annual revenue growth rate since its inception, with 31 percent growth in operating income during the most difficult period of the nation’s economic recession. Griffith was a consecutive-year nominee for ColoradoBiz Magazine’s “CEO of the Year” award in 2007 and 2008.

Griffith is one of 18 finalists for the Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and [Ernst & Young](#) will name six winners at its June 24 gala at the Grand Hyatt in Denver. Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year national program. Local sponsors of the regional award include Faegre & Benson, Clifton Gunderson, Denver Business Journal and JohnstonWells Public Relations.

To obtain more information about John Griffith or Alpine Waste & Recycling, visit [www.alpinewaste.com](http://www.alpinewaste.com).

### About Alpine Waste & Recycling

Alpine Waste & Recycling is the largest privately held commercial waste and recycling collection company in the Denver area. Founded in 1999 as a single-truck operation called Alpine Disposal, the company has parlayed a customer-service focus into a compound annual revenue growth rate of nearly 50 percent. With more than 40 trucks and more than 150 employees, Alpine hauls more than 120,000 tons of waste and recycle products per year. Featuring “Altogether Recycling™, Alpine is the first company in Colorado to process recycling material competitively on a single-stream basis. In early 2009, the Colorado Association for Recycling named Alpine the state’s most outstanding business for its recycling/diversion program. Alpine was named Colorado’s 2008 Top Company in the service category by *ColoradoBiz Magazine*; and Alpine has been named to the *Inc. 5,000* list of the nation’s fastest growing companies for two consecutive years.

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

Ernst & Young’s Entrepreneur Of The Year® is the world’s most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The award makes a difference through the unique 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, Ernst & Young 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 135 cities in 50 countries.

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