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2012 Finalist

**Alpine Waste & Recycling President John Griffith Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2012 finalist, Mountain Desert Region**

**COMMERCE CITY, Colo. (May 11, 2012)** – Alpine Waste & Recycling today announced that John Griffith was named a finalist in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2012 program in the Mountain Desert region which includes Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. The award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

Griffith was selected by a panel of independent judges, and it was his second such award in the last three years. Awards will be presented at a special gala June 28th at the Seawell Ballroom in the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

Alpine, the largest privately held waste hauler and recycling company in Colorado, prides itself on its record of innovation. It was the first waste hauler in the Denver area to use natural gas trucks, the first to collect organic waste for composting in the Denver area, and the first to implement automated recycling reports generated by onboard computer equipment.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young National Entrepreneur Of The Year Program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Ernst & Young National Entrepreneur Of The Year Overall Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on

November 17, 2012. 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.

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

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### **About Alpine Waste & Recycling**

Alpine Waste & Recycling is the largest privately held waste and recycling collection company in the Denver area. Founded in 1999 as a single-truck operation, the company has parlayed a customer-service focus into a compound annual revenue growth rate of greater than 40 percent. With more than 60 trucks and more than 170 employees, Alpine handles more than 300,000 tons of waste and recycle products per year. In 2009, the Colorado Association for Recycling named Alpine as the state's most outstanding business for its recycling/diversion program. That division of Alpine is called Altogether Recycling.™ *ColoradoBiz Magazine* in 2008 named Alpine as the state's Top Company (Service Category); and in 2010 named Alpine as a "Colorado Company to Watch." Commerce City named Alpine as its 2010 Small Business of the Year; and the Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce named Alpine in 2011 as a Finalist for Green Company of the Year Award. Most recently, Alpine was named as the recipient of the ACG's 2012 Emerging Growth Award winner. Information: 303-744-9881, or go to [www.alpinewaste.com](http://www.alpinewaste.com).

### **About Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year®**

Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The unique 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, 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 140 cities in more than 50 countries.

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