



**Eastern Technology Council Fetes the Philadelphia Region's Top Firms and Executives
at 17th Enterprise Awards Gala**

*Annual Competition Recognizes Region's Top Technology and Life Sciences Companies and
Entrepreneurs*

Philadelphia, PA, December 3, 2009 - Eastern Technology Council, the Philadelphia region's premier technology and life sciences trade association with more than 450 member companies, this evening recognized the winners of the 17th Annual Enterprise Awards. As the marquee business awards ceremony in the region, the Enterprise Awards celebrates the vitality of the technology and life sciences communities. More than 900 business leaders and executives were in attendance at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue, as top companies, executives and entrepreneurs were honored.

"It is an honor to again recognize the best and brightest companies and leaders of our region," said Dianne Strunk, CEO of Eastern Technology Council. "Although we take just one night a year to formally honor them, they represent both the foundation and the future of the region's economy, and will continue to provide innovations that solidify Philadelphia as a hub for technology and life science excellence and the cradle of entrepreneurship."

The following companies and entrepreneurs were honored at the 2009 Enterprise Awards:

- Technology Startup Company [SevOne](#)
- Life Sciences Startup Company [Healthy Humans](#)
- Emerging Technology Company [Portico Systems](#)
- Emerging Life Sciences Company [PuriCore](#)
- Technology CEO of the Year Jeffrey Westphal, [Vertex](#)
- Life Sciences CEO of the Year Michael Cardillo, [Health Advocate](#)
- Technology Company of the Year [BioClinica](#)
- Life Sciences Company of the Year [Fujirebio Diagnostics](#)

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About the Enterprise Awards

The Enterprise Awards remain the region's most prestigious business honors for Technology and Life Sciences companies, leaders, and entrepreneurs. Attracting more than 900 prominent business leaders, the Enterprise Awards black-tie gala celebrates achievement, innovation, and success in the Greater Philadelphia region.

About the Eastern Technology Council

The Eastern Technology Council, an association representing more than 450 technology and life sciences companies, supports the growth and success of start-ups, emerging, and established companies by promoting, supporting, expanding, funding, and rewarding entrepreneurial activities in the region.

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