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EY Announces BLAKE AND BRYAN VINCENT of PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES as an Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2023 Southwest Award Finalist

Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates ambitious entrepreneurs who are building bolder futures

SAN ANGELO— Ernst & Young LLP (EY US) today announced that Blake and Bryan Vincent, Managing Partners of Principal Industries, were named an Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2023 Southwest Award finalist. Now in its 37th year, Entrepreneur Of The Year is one of the preeminent competitive business awards for transformative entrepreneurs and leaders of high-growth companies who are building a more equitable, sustainable and prosperous world for all.

The Vincents were selected by an independent panel of judges. Entrepreneurs were evaluated based on their demonstration of building long-term value through entrepreneurial spirit, purpose, growth, and impact, among other core contributions and attributes.

“Blake and I are both honored to receive this acknowledgement,” says Bryan Vincent, “however, the honor truly goes to our team, our families, and our customers. We are excited to continue our entrepreneurial journey.” The Vincents together own Principal Industries, a leading provider of electrical components, services, and software to the signage and architectural illumination industry, serving a diverse range of commercial end users including retail, petroleum, quick-serve restaurants, banking and automotive.

Regional award winners will be announced on June 24, during a special celebration. 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®](#), one of the nation’s most prestigious gatherings of high-growth, market-leading companies. The Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner will then move on to compete for the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Award in June 2024.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year program has recognized more than 11,000 entrepreneurs throughout the US since its inception in 1986, and it has grown to recognize business leaders across 145 cities in over 60 countries around the world.

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