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**MIDWEST ELECTRIC PRESIDENT RJ NICOLOSI
Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] 2006 Award Finalist in
South Central Ohio & Kentucky**

Groveport, Ohio – Midwest Electric today announced that President RJ Nicolosi is a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] 2006 Award in the South Central Ohio & Kentucky region. According to Ernst & Young, the awards program was designed to recognize outstanding entrepreneurs on a regional, national and global level who are building and leading dynamic and growing businesses. Nicolosi was selected as a finalist from over 70 nominations by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special 20th anniversary awards banquet on June 29, 2006, at the Duke Energy Center, formerly known as the Cincinnati Convention Center.

“My goal for Midwest Electric is to change the energy industry” said Nicolosi. Midwest Electric, a premier electrical services provider, was founded in 1981. A new leadership team, led by Nicolosi, joined the company in 2002. Since then, the company’s priorities have been expansion into new geographical areas and new business sectors, growth in existing markets, and the addition of utility distribution and transmission services.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who have demonstrated excellence and

extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2006 national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California on November 18, 2006. The overall national Entrepreneur Of The Year award recipient is then considered for the world event held in Monte Carlo.

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