

QuickTime™ and a
TIFF (LZW) decompressor
are needed to see this picture.

AgraQuest's Founder Pam Marrone Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2006 Award Finalist in Northern California

LOCATION, May 24, 2006 – AgraQuest today announced that Founder Pam Marrone is a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2006 Award in the northern California 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. Marrone was selected as a finalist from nearly 60 nominations by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special 20th anniversary gala event on June 16th at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

“I am honored to for the recognition of the hard work and determination over the past eleven years in breaking down the barriers to adoption of natural pest management products and changing the perception of these effective products in agriculture,” said Founder, Pam Marrone.

All of us at AgraQuest thank and congratulate Pam Marrone for her pioneering vision and commitment to building AgraQuest into what it is today – a high growth development and commercialization engine for highly effective, natural pest control products,” said Mike Miille, Ph.D., CEO & COO of AgraQuest, Inc. “This recognition of Pam’s efforts is both exciting and well-deserved.”

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.

About AgraQuest, Inc.

AgraQuest is a biotechnology company that focuses on discovering, developing, manufacturing and marketing effective, safe and environmentally friendly natural pest management products for agricultural, institutional and home markets. The company sells Serenade[®], Serenade[®] Garden, Rhapsody[®], Sonata[®] and Ballad[®] Biofungicides and Biotune[™] Adjuvant. AgraQuest received the Presidential Green Chemistry Award from the EPA for the discovery and commercialization of Serenade Biofungicide. In 2004, AgraQuest received a Red Herring Top 100 Private Company Award and the World Technology Award for the Environment.

Contact: Caroline Venza, Antenna Group (for AgraQuest)
415-977-1939; caroline@antennagroup.com

About the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards

The Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] awards program was created and is produced by professional services firm Ernst & Young LLP. As the first award of its kind, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who are building and leading dynamic and growing businesses. The program honors entrepreneurs through regional, national and global award programs in over 100 cities and 35 countries.

###