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**EY announces Michael M. Carter of BizEquity
Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2017 Award finalist in Greater Philadelphia**

Philadelphia, NY, U.S.A, 24 April 2017 – EY today announced that Michael M. Carter, CEO and Founder of BizEquity is a finalist for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2017 Award in the Greater Philadelphia Region. The awards program, which is celebrating its 31st year, recognizes entrepreneurs who are excelling in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Michael Carter was selected as a finalist by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts, Perelman Theater Plaza.

“It is an honour to be selected as a finalist for this prestigious award alongside such innovative and successful entrepreneurs,” says Michael Carter. “Since launching in 2011, BizEquity has grown into an industry leading valuation tool that is serving over 440 financial services clients and is helping over 200,000 business owners in the US, UK, Singapore and India discover and monitor their business value. With this nomination, my hope is to continue our mission to help business owners reach their full potential and to highlight the growing success of the fintech sector”.

Now in its 31st year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 145 cities and more than 60 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur of the Year National competition. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur of the Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the Entrepreneur of the Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 18, 2017. The awards are the culminating event of the Strategic Growth Forum™, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

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Founded and produced by EY, the Entrepreneur of the Year Awards are nationally sponsored in the US by SAP America, Merrill Corporation and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

In Greater Philadelphia, sponsors also include PNC, Pine Hill Group, Murray Devine, SolomonEdwardsGroup, BallardSpahr, Morgan Lewis, Pepper Hamilton, Philadelphia Business Journal and Simkiss & Block.

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Founded in 2011, BizEquity is the world's leading provider of business valuation knowledge and big data. Having valued over 33 million private businesses to date, BizEquity's vision is to value every private business in the world, and in the process democratize business valuation and performance knowledge for all businesses and financial institutions.

Headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, BizEquity has offices in key global markets including Singapore, Delhi and Canary Wharf in London. It has over 440 financial institutions distributing its patented service offering and was recently named one of the top 360 private companies by Entrepreneur Media. BizEquity also won Bank Director's FinTech growth and innovation award, and its CEO Michael Carter has been named one of the top 100 leaders in Global Fintech, in addition to a top FinTech Influencer in the United States by Let's Talk Payments.

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