

Walker & Dunlop Chairman and CEO Willy Walker Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year® 2011 Greater Washington Award Finalist

Bethesda, MD – May 4, 2011 – Walker & Dunlop, LLC today announced that Chairman and CEO Willy Walker is an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 Greater Washington Award finalist. According to Ernst & Young LLP, the awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Willy Walker was selected as a finalist from more than 100 nominations by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 16 at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner.



Mr. Walker commented, “It's an honor to be included on a list of finalists filled with some of our region's most talented and successful business leaders. My name is on this list thanks to the spectacular people of Walker & Dunlop and all we have accomplished together over the past few years.” Walker & Dunlop was recently named the 11th largest commercial real estate lender in 2010 by the Mortgage Bankers Association (“MBA”) Annual Origination Rankings.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Program celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 140 cities and more than 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur of the Year National Award. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur of the Year overall National Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 12, 2011. The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies, which will be held November 9–13, 2011.

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