

**News Release**

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**For Immediate Release**

**EY announces Audacious Inquiry Managing Partner Christopher  
is an EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ 2014 Award winner in Maryland**

***Award recognizes entrepreneurial excellence in health category***

***Baltimore, Maryland, June 12, 2014*** – EY today announced that Christopher Brandt, Founder and Managing Partner of Audacious Inquiry, received the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ 2014 Award in the health category in Maryland. The award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Chris was selected by an independent panel of judges, and the award was presented at a special gala event on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at the Hilton Baltimore Hotel.

Chris, who founded Audacious Inquiry in 2004, said in acceptance speech, “This award is really a tribute to my team – it’s been an adventure, and I am so proud of you for your perseverance and growth. Especially, thank you to the leaders...for your extraordinary commitment; I look forward to many more successful years together.”

Audacious Inquiry is an information policy and technology company that’s leading the charge to make healthcare smarter. Our technology is changing the way health information is handled; our tech and policy experts make us a go-to resource for

government and private organizations; and our accountability provides our clients with an unvarnished view of our work—and our organization.

Audacious Inquiry's Encounter Notification System (ENS) is currently facilitating efficient transitions of care for more than three million people in four states and the District of Columbia.

Now in its 28th year, the program has honored the inspirational leadership of such entrepreneurs as Howard Schultz of Starbucks Coffee Company, Pierre Omidyar of eBay, Inc., and Mindy Grossman of HSN. Recent US national winners include Reid Hoffman and Jeff Weiner of LinkedIn; Hamdi Ulukaya, founder of Chobani; and 2013 winner Hamid Moghadam, CEO and Chairman of Prologis.

As a Maryland award winner, Chris is now eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year 2014 national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 15, 2014. The awards are the culminating event of the EY Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

### **Sponsors**

Founded and produced by EY, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are sponsored in the United States by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and SAP America.

In Maryland, regional sponsors include the Baltimore Business Journal, DLA Piper, PNC Bank and SmartCEO. Reception sponsors include BioHealth Innovation, Inc., Cassidy Turley and Randstad Professionals.

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EY Entrepreneur Of The Year is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The unique award makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global award of its kind, Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 145 cities in more than 60 countries.

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