

## News Release

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### **EY Announces Ambit Energy Executive Team as Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2018 Award Finalists in the Southwest Region**

**Dallas, May 16, 2018** – EY has announced that the four members of [Ambit Energy's](#) executive team are among the finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2018 Award in the Southwest region. The executive team includes: Jere Thompson Jr., Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer; Chris Chambless, Co-Founder and Chief Marketing Officer; John Burke, Chief Information Officer; and Laurie Rodriguez, Chief Financial Officer.

This awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who excel in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. The Ambit executive team was selected by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on Saturday, June 23, at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas.

“We are deeply honored to have our executive team recognized as finalists,” said Thompson. “We have been so fortunate to build this company together and to grow from an idea into a billion dollar energy retailer operating in three countries.”

“We all have strengths and have learned from each other. That applies not just to the four of us, but to all the members of our Ambit family around the world,” continued Chambless. “We wouldn’t be here today without all the Consultants and employees of Ambit Energy who help us shape and embody the core values of Ambit.”

Now in its 32nd year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 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 17, 2018.

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