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**EY Announces Tom Knauff of Energy Distribution Partners (EDP)  
Entrepreneur Of The Year<sup>®</sup> 2019 Award Finalist in the Midwest**

**CHICAGO, May 20, 2019** – [EY](#) has announced that [Tom Knauff, CEO of Energy Distribution Partners](#) (EDP), is a finalist for the Entrepreneur Of The Year<sup>®</sup> 2019 Award in the Midwest.

The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs and leaders of high-growth companies who excel in innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities, while also transforming our world. Mr. Knauff was selected as a finalist by a panel of independent judges. Winners will be announced at a gala event on June 12, 2019, at Navy Pier in Chicago.

“I am honored to be chosen as an EY Entrepreneur of the Year finalist. Credit goes to our entire team at Energy Distribution Partners, who have built EDP from a start-up in 2012 into the nation’s eighth-largest independent provider of propane and light fuels,” Mr. Knauff said. “EDP’s success is grounded in understanding entrepreneurs in the propane business – offering an attractive ownership transition that secures their legacy with a commitment to customers, employees and communities. This values-driven approach has led 23 propane companies from coast to coast to join EDP, and we are just getting started.”



[Tom Knauff, CEO of EDP.](#)

Now in its 33rd year, the EY 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 the Entrepreneur Of The Year National competition.

Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are nationally sponsored by SAP America and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. Local sponsors for the Midwest program include Plexus Groupe, LaSalle Network, Cresa, PNC Bank, Becker Professional Education and 1871.

**About Energy Distribution Partners**

Energy Distribution Partners is a rapidly-growing company in America's fast-changing energy landscape – with deep experience in retail and commercial propane sales, operations and finance. The company provides safe, reliable propane service to residential and commercial [customers in California, Washington, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and South Carolina](#). Energy Distribution Partners pursues a long-term strategy of purchasing successful

operations in propane and other fuels and in the midstream energy sector, retaining the brand name, preserving local management and delegating to leaders in local communities. The company is actively seeking partners for growth. For more information, please visit [www.edplp.net](http://www.edplp.net).

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