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John Galiher, president and CEO of Preferred Freezer Services, was among those honored by Ernst & Young as one of its entrepreneurs of the year.

Galiher was among four executives to win Ernst & Young's regional entrepreneur award for New Jersey. Galiher was the winner in the distribution and transportation services category.

Regional winners are eligible for consideration in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2008 national program. Winners in numerous national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, Calif., on Nov. 15.

"We heartily congratulate this year's winners on their success," said Keith Brownlie, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year program director for New Jersey. "The Entrepreneur Of The Year award recognizes all of the hard work, ingenuity and care these leaders have put into building and improving their businesses and communities. This group of winners is truly remarkable for all that they have accomplished."

Private-equity firm Fenway Partners this month acquired a majority stake in New Jersey-based Preferred Freezer, which operates 23 public refrigerated warehouses in the United States and is expanding operations into Asia.

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