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Chicago Climate Exchange[®] Chairman Richard Sandor Recognized for Contribution to Local Economy

(CHICAGO – June 29, 2009) Chicago Climate Exchange, Inc. (CCX[®]) Chairman Dr. Richard L. Sandor received Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year 2009 Award in the "green" category in the Midwest region in a ceremony in Chicago Friday night. The award recognizes his contributions to support the local economy through building and leading a dynamic, growing business.

"We are proud to recognize the achievements of Richard Sandor," said Randy Tavierne, Ernst & Young, Strategic Growth Markets Leader. "Winners of the Entrepreneur of the Year award build leading businesses and contribute significantly to the strength of our region's economy. Their success helps our area grow stronger."

Sandor is Chairman of CCX and Executive Chairman of Climate Exchange plc, a publicly traded company listed on the AIM division of the London Stock Exchange (CLE.L). CCX also launched the Chicago Climate Futures Exchange (CCFE[®]), a CFTC-regulated futures exchange that offers standardized and cleared futures and options contracts on emission allowances and other environmental products, the world's first environmental derivatives exchange.

"I am grateful to Ernst and Young for putting this together," said Sandor. "CCX is honored to be a part of the Chicago community and to contribute to the local economy, to the functioning of financial markets, and to providing cost-effective solutions for achieving environmental goals."

In August of 2002 Sandor was chosen by Time magazine as one of its "Heroes for the Planet" and he is widely recognized as the principal architect of the interest-rate futures market. Sandor is also a research professor at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year awards celebrate their 23rd anniversary this year. The program honors entrepreneurs who have demonstrated exceptionalism in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Sandor was selected for the award by an independent panel of judges.

About Chicago Climate Exchange and Chicago Climate Futures Exchange

CCX is an Exchange whose objectives are to apply financial innovation and incentives to advance social, environmental and economic goals. CCX, which began trading in 2003, is the world's first and North America's only legally binding, rules-based greenhouse gas emissions allowance trading system, as well as the world's only global system for emissions trading based on all six greenhouse gases. CCX members are leaders in greenhouse gas management and mitigation, including offset providers and offset aggregators, and located throughout the United States. CCX members derive from all sectors of the global economy, including the public sector, and emissions reductions being achieved through CCX by major utilities, corporations, cities, states and counties, are the only reductions in North America being achieved through a legally binding compliance regime, subject to independent third party verification provided by FINRA and price transparency. The founder, Chairman and CEO of CCX is economist and financial innovator Dr. Richard L. Sandor, who was named a Hero of the Planet by Time magazine in 2002 for his founding of CCX, and in 2007 as the "father of carbon trading."

Chicago Climate Futures Exchange (CCFE), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Chicago Climate Exchange, is a CFTC designated contract market which offers standardized and cleared futures and options contracts on emission allowances and other environmental products. Clearing services are provided by The Clearing Corporation, the only active independent futures clearinghouse in the world. Market surveillance services are provided by the National Futures Association, the industry wide, self-regulatory organization for the U.S. futures industry.

CCX, a U.S. corporation, launched its trading platform in 2003. In 2005, CCX launched the European Climate Exchange (ECX), now the leading exchange operating in the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme. Since 2006, both CCX and ECX have been owned by Climate Exchange plc, a publicly traded company listed on the AIM division of the London Stock Exchange (CLE.L).

About Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year® Awards Program

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