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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** – July 15, 2005

**CANTEST Chairman of the Board named finalist for Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year® 2005 award.**



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Finalist 2005

**Burnaby, British Columbia.** Burnaby-based Life Sciences company CANTEST is pleased to announce that Dr. Donald Rix, Chairman of the Board, was chosen as a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year® 2005 award.

Dr. Rix is the Co-founder of Metro-McNair Laboratories and pioneered the development of new and innovative techniques for delivering improved health services. Under his leadership, this firm evolved into MDS Metro, the largest independent community laboratory in BC. Similarly, his entrepreneurial leadership has been the driving force behind CANTEST, which has quadrupled its staff and revenues over the past decade and has developed partnerships with organizations throughout Canada, the United States and Southeast Asia.

Dr. Rix is one of 26 finalists selected for the Pacific region who will compete in 7 categories for the Entrepreneur of the Year title, which will be awarded during a gala celebration on October 3rd. Past winners of the prestigious award include Robert Madigan of Teligence (2004) and Dr. Julia Levy of QLT (2001).

### **About the Entrepreneur of the Year program**

The Entrepreneur Of The Year program was founded by Ernst & Young to celebrate great entrepreneurs and heighten awareness of the economic impact of entrepreneurial ventures. The program is nationally sponsored by Global Television Network, National Post, La Presse, RDI and Roynat Capital. To learn more about the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2005 awards, visit [www.eoy.ca](http://www.eoy.ca).

### **About CANTEST**

CANTEST is a full service laboratory providing professional analysis and consultation in biotechnology, pharmaceutical, environmental, industrial hygiene and food safety related fields. The company operates Canadian offices in BC, Manitoba and Ontario with affiliates in the United States and Southeast Asia. To learn more about CANTEST, visit [www.cantest.com](http://www.cantest.com).

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