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**Carahsoft President Craig P. Abod
Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year®
2011 Greater Washington Award Finalist**

Reston, VA -- May 17, 2011 -- [Carahsoft Technology Corp.](#), the trusted government IT solutions provider, today announced that Carahsoft president Craig P. Abod is an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 Greater Washington Award finalist. The award program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

Abod was selected by a panel of independent judges from more than 100 nominations. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 16 at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner.

“With the support of our Government customers, vendors, and reseller partners, we have built an incredibly successful company, and I am very honored to be included among the finalists for this prestigious award,” said Abod, who founded Carahsoft in 2004.

Now in just its eighth year, Carahsoft’s annual revenue exceeds \$830 million and it employs more than 225 people. The company serves as the Master Government Partner and Distributor for the industry’s leading software brands, and is ranked among the top 100 Government IT contractors in the nation. In 2011, Carahsoft plans to add at least 100 new employees as it targets \$1 billion in revenue.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Program, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 140 cities and more than 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur of the Year National Award. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur of the Year overall National Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 12, 2011. The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies, which will be held November 9-13, 2011.

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The company's dedicated Solutions Divisions proactively market, sell and deliver Adobe, Symantec, EMC, VMware, Open Source, HR, HP Software, Intelligence, and SAP products and services, among others. Carahsoft is consistently recognized by its partners as a top revenue producer, and is listed annually among the industry's fastest growing firms by VAR Business, CRN, Inc., Washington Technology, and the Washington Business Journal. Visit us at <http://www.carahsoft.com>.

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