

Dallas Entrepreneurs of the Year 2011



See what the remarkable finalists in this year's Ernst & Young competition have been doing at their growing companies.

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Optimal Solutions Integration Inc.

Gurvendra S. Suri

Founder and CEO

At a time when expanding companies were just beginning to invest in large-scale enterprise-technology systems—systems that were often fraught with costly mistakes—Gurvendra Suri saw the need for consultants with the experience and know-how to complete these technical projects on time and on budget.

Suri says he wanted to provide businesses with a true, seamless integration of multiple systems deployed across a global enterprise. So he assembled a team of world-class technologists with a deep understanding of business processes and proven expertise with SAP software. In 1995 he founded Optimal Solutions, specializing in helping companies and public sector organizations of all sizes leverage SAP technology.

Suri's tenacity and entrepreneurial vision have allowed Irving-based Optimal Solutions to sustain year-over-year growth—despite the recent economic downturn—and evolve into the leading, pure-play SAP consulting firm in North America. “My plan is to grow the company substantially over the next several years, and to establish Optimal as the premier SAP services organization in the world,” he says.

Besides his numerous awards for business ethics and entrepreneurship, Suri claims his greatest accomplishment—along with raising two “wonderful” daughters—has been founding Beyond Borders in 2003. Beyond Borders is a private charity that helps disadvantaged people in the form of medical care, educational grant scholarships, and vocational facilities. It also finances organizations that protect the civil rights of minorities. —K.A.

