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Ernst Makes HousingWire's List of Most Innovative Firms

Company again ranked among the mortgage industry's top-rated technology firms

ALBANY, NY—March 16, 2016—Ernst Publishing Company, the leading provider of technology and closing cost data for the real estate and home finance industries for the past 26 years, announced today that the company has been listed for the third time among the Top 100 most innovative technology firms in America by HousingWire. The company appeared in HousingWire's third annual HW TECH100(TM) list, published in its March issue.

"The companies in the HW TECH100™ are providing innovative solutions to the traditionally hide-bound mortgage finance industry," said HousingWire Editor-in-Chief Jacob Gaffney. "In the face of rising costs to originate and service loans, a still-volatile housing market and multiplying regulations, these innovations are crucial to the survival and profitability of those in our industry."

The TECH100™ represents the housing economy's 100 most innovative technology companies, according to HousingWire. Making the cut is a special honor reserved for the very best technology our industry has to offer. The publication's editors view innovation along six discrete dimensions, and each company included on its list is reviewed with these dimensions as a guideline for inclusion: market influence, market potential, unique solution, growth, elegant implementation, and something else entirely (the "it" factor). For each of the six dimensions, HousingWire editors select a winning company that best represents the given dimension, in addition to selecting the 100 companies that comprise the TECH100™.

"It's incredible to see the universe of tech options now available to our industry," said HousingWire Magazine Editor Sarah Wheeler. "Some of the best and brightest minds are clearly working in our space to address the extraordinary challenges our industry is facing."

"We are very pleased to again be listed among the most innovative companies in the industry," said Gregory E. Teal, president and chief executive officer of Ernst Publishing. "We have a rich history of innovation at Ernst spanning more than 26 years. Our clients depend upon us to provide the tools that will allow them to win the borrower's trust. Making this list is more evidence that we're fulfilling that promise."

Ernst programs process an average of 150 million real estate transactions every year, industry-wide. Since the company was founded 26 years ago, Ernst has processed over 1 billion transactions. We estimate that our technology is in use for 90% of the nation's new loan originations and refinance transactions. For a complete list of the company's innovations, visit the website.

About HousingWire

HousingWire is the nation's most influential industry news source covering the U.S. housing economy, spanning residential mortgage lending, servicing, investments and real estate operations. The company's news, commentary, magazine content, industry directories, and events give more than one million industry professionals each year the insight they need to make better, more informed business decisions. Winner of numerous awards, including a 2012 Eddie Award for national editorial excellence in the B2B Banking/Business/Finance category, HousingWire has been recognized for excellence in journalism by the Society of Business Editors and Writers, the American Society of Business Press Editors, the National Association of Real Estate Editors, and Trade Association Business Publications International. Learn more at <http://www.housingwire.com>.

About the Ernst Publishing Company

The Ernst Publishing Company has been the leading authority on land recording requirements for more than two decades. In fact, Ernst's recording fee, transfer tax and title data have been integrated throughout the title and lending industries. Due to RESPA requirements that went into effect in January 2010, accurate recording fees and taxes for recording documents have never been more important. Ernst excels at creating solutions for their clients to manage not just those fees—but also all vendor fees—with unparalleled precision. As a company, our goal is simple: Empower clients to not only meet RESPA's new compliance regulations for Blocks 4-8, but set the industry standard for client satisfaction, an attainable goal due to our patented technology, impeccable data standards, expertise at creating custom solutions, and network of partners. Ernst's patented solutions are trusted and used by all 10 of the nation's top banks, all 5 of the top title underwriters and 9 out of 10 originators nationwide.

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