

## **BRIGHTSTAR'S MARCELO CLAURE WINS ULTIMATE CEO AWARD FROM SOUTH FLORIDA BUSINESS JOURNAL**

**Miami, Fla. – June 24, 2009** – Marcelo Claire, president and CEO of Miami-based Brightstar Corp., a global leader in customized distribution and integrated supply chain solutions for the wireless industry, has been named a 2009 recipient of the Ultimate CEO Award by the South Florida Business Journal. The prestigious award honors individuals who are leaders in their organizations and have made significant contributions to the local community.

“A Miami Ultimate CEO honoree is a leader both in business and the community, setting a high standard for others to follow,” said Melanie Dickinson, publisher and president of the South Florida Business Journal. “From growing Brightstar into a \$4.8 billion business spanning 50 countries in just 12 years to founding the One Laptop Per Child program, Marcelo exemplifies what it means to be an Ultimate CEO.”

“I am humbled to be recognized by the South Florida Business Journal with this prestigious award,” said Claire. “As the leader of a business making waves throughout the wireless industry and around the world, I am proud that I am able to contribute to the success of our local community as well.”

Claire has won numerous regional, national and international awards for his leadership and business acumen. In past years, he has been named Entrepreneur of the Year by both USA Today/Ernst & Young and Hispanic Business Magazine.

Under Claire's direction, Brightstar also has been recognized as the largest Hispanic-owned business in the U.S. for the past several years. Recently, Forbes featured Brightstar as #108 on its list of largest private companies in the U.S. Brightstar also was appointed as a Founding Member of the Community of Global Growth Companies by the World Economic forum, an exclusive list of 142 visionary and fast-growing companies that have exceptional executive leadership and are redefining their respective industries.

Claire will be honored at the Ultimate CEO Award reception at the Four Seasons Miami on June 25.

### **About Brightstar**

Brightstar Corp. is a multi-billion dollar global leader in customized distribution and integrated supply chain solutions for the converging wireless and IT industries. With sales and distribution facilities on six continents, Brightstar offers leading wireless and IT manufacturers the largest global reach, ensuring that the right product is in the right place, at the right time. Brightstar's industry-leading supply chain solutions are used by the world's top network operators and retailers to improve financial results, increase EBITDA and turn their supply chains into a competitive advantage.

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