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## **Academy for Educational Development Selects Quality Associates for Document Conversion and Archiving Project**

Columbia, Md. – April 18, 2006 – Quality Associates, Inc., an established provider of services and solutions for document management, imaging and archiving, announced that it has been selected by the Academy for Educational Development, a non-profit organization committed to solving critical social problems in the areas of health, education, youth development and the environment, to complete a comprehensive document conversion and archiving project for all of the organization's hard-copy records.

Under the agreement, Quality Associates will transport more than 10,000 boxes of materials from the Academy's headquarters in Washington, D.C. to Quality Associates' imaging center in Columbia, Maryland, where each page will be sorted, scanned, converted into a PDF, and then returned as a series of DVDs that can be more easily accessed and stored. Quality Associates will also handle the archiving of the documents during the conversion process.

Scott Swidersky, director, Information Systems Division, Quality Associates, said, "We are excited that the Academy for Educational Development has chosen Quality Associates to scan and convert its hard-copy documentation. At Quality Associates, we specialize in offering the most advanced content and document management solutions and services for our clients. And like our other clients, I'm confident the Academy will find electronic archives are better organized and can be more easily referenced, while requiring far less physical storage space."

**About AED**

Founded in 1961, the Academy for Educational Development ([www.aed.org](http://www.aed.org)) is a nonprofit organization committed to solving critical social problems and building the capacity of individuals, communities, and institutions to become more self-sufficient. AED works in all the major areas of human development, with a focus on improving education, health, and economic opportunities for

the least advantaged in the United States and developing countries.

**About Quality Associates, Inc.**

Quality Associates, Inc. (QAI) provides comprehensive, customized software, services and solutions that support all aspects of knowledge and content management. QAI's full range of integrated offerings include software applications, hardware, and systems for scanning and imaging; services for document and materials conversion, storage, and electronic archiving; systems integration and support; and strategic consulting for quality assurance. QAI maintains a broad client base that includes federal and state agencies; chemical and manufacturing companies; financial, accounting, and law firms; and medical research facilities. For more information, call (800) 488-3547 or visit [www.qualityassociatesinc.com](http://www.qualityassociatesinc.com).

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