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## **Quality Associates Named Howard County Firm of the Year by Maryland Tech Council**

Columbia, Md. -- December 14, 2006 -- Quality Associates, Inc., an established provider of electronic document management solutions; quality assurance and scientific support services; and vaulted archiving of e-data and research records, announced that it has been named Howard County Firm of the Year by the Tech Council of Maryland. The award recognizes the firm that has exhibited strong growth of revenue and employment and contributed to the overall advancement of technology in 2006.

Quality Associates received the honor during the Tech Council of Maryland Howard County Annual Dinner and Tech Awards Celebration, held at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City on December 7. Quality Associates' Founder and CEO, Paul Swidersky, accepted the award from Julie Coons, CEO of Technology Council of Maryland and Renee Winsky, Interim Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO).

Paul Swidersky, Founder and CEO of Quality Associates, said, "Quality Associates is incredibly honored to be named Howard County Firm of Year from the Tech Council of Maryland. To receive this distinction during our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in business is an even greater honor that could only be made possible by the continued dedicated and committed efforts of everyone at Quality Associates."

Founded in 1986, Quality Associates performs a wide range of content and document management and conversion services to local, state and federal government agencies, and to corporations in the medical, law, finance, and accounting industries.

**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).

### **About the Tech Council of Maryland**

The Tech Council of Maryland (TCM) is Maryland's largest technology trade association that brings its 500-plus members access to technology industry leaders in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. TCM has two divisions which provide valuable resources and benefits to help businesses succeed. The Tech Alliance serves the advanced technology community and MdBio serves the Maryland biotechnology community. TCM helps the region's technology organizations grow through its membership and activities such as networking events, cost saving programs, and advocacy initiatives. TCM's mission is to promote the technology industry and to create an environment where technology companies can collaborate, grow and succeed.

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