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Quality Associates Wins Major FDA Contract Maryland Company to Digitize Millions of Records with Five-year, \$20 Million Project

Fulton, Md. -- October 30, 2007 -- Quality Associates, Inc. (<u>www.qualityassociatesinc.com</u>), an established provider of services and solutions for document management, imaging and archiving, announced that it has been awarded a new contract with the Food and Drug Administration. With the contract, Quality Associates will digitize, index and consolidate approximately 20 million pages of documentation and materials at over 20 FDA facilities across the United States. Work on the five-year, \$20 million project will begin immediately.

The documentation relates to investigations and inspections conducted by the FDA. Currently, the documentation exists in print, electronic media such as CDs, and in their original form, such as product packaging. When complete, authorized FDA personnel will be able to search for and access specific documentation housed in a comprehensive digital document archive.

Scott Swidersky, Director of Quality Associates' Information Systems division, said, "Federal agencies -- especially those involved in regulation and oversight -- have archives that literally amount to millions of printed pages stored within thousands of hard-copy files, CDs and even floppy disks. Records are often stored across various locations and satellite facilities, making it a challenge to access the information. Digitizing, indexing and consolidating information to make it readily accessible to the appropriate staff can significantly reduce the time needed to assemble supporting documentation."

Continued Swidersky, "Information is only valuable when it's accessible. Centralizing data from a variety of locations throughout the United States -- and in some cases the world -- enables agencies and companies to take the first step in accessing critical information. In the case of the FDA, digitizing its collections will enable the agency to make more accurate decisions about a variety of issues that fall under its jurisdiction."

Founded in 1986, Quality Associates is a GSA Federal Supply Service (FSS) contractor that has developed a strong track record in providing data conversion and archival services and systems for local, state and federal government agencies.

About Quality Associates, Inc.

Quality Associates, Inc. (QAI) offers customized document and knowledge management solutions that enable organizations to maximize productivity by ensuring that information is captured, converted and accessible. As a value-added reseller (VAR) that partners with the industry's leading electronic content management (ECM) hardware and software providers, QAI offers a wide range of services and solutions that includes scanning and imaging; document and media conversion; storage and electronic archiving; and full systems integration and support with customized training programs. QAI also provides strategic quality assurance consulting and auditing services. QAI's broad client base includes federal, state and local government 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.

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