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## **Quality Associates and iScan Partner on State of Maryland Digital Records Project**

*Initiative will produce nearly 325,000 protected public business records for the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation's website*

Fulton, Md.– August 19, 2008 – Quality Associates, Inc., ([www. qualityassociatesinc.com](http://www.qualityassociatesinc.com)), an established provider of services and solutions for document management, imaging and archiving, and iScan, the document imaging services division of Humanim, Inc. a not-for-profit organization that employs individuals with disabilities, announced their participation in a joint project for the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. When completed this fall, the large-scale project will effectively remove, or redact, sensitive information within nearly 325,000 records, which will then be made available to the public via the Internet.

Governments at all levels are under pressure from concerned citizens to tighten the availability of sensitive information, such as social security numbers, while fulfilling their obligation to provide needed documentation to the general public. The process of redaction removes certain sensitive information from documents before they are made available to the public.

Quality Associates, a Fulton, Maryland-based company with a long history of working with local, state and federal government agencies, is providing the software and technical expertise needed for the project. iScan, based in Columbia, is employing a team of workers to perform the day-to-day, hands-on tasks required. iScan, a Division of Humanim, Inc., is a certified Maryland MBE (Minority Business Enterprise). The redaction work is scheduled for completion in fall 2008.

Scott Swidersky, Director of Quality Associates' Information Solutions division, said "The heightened awareness of the dangers of identity theft is creating a situation in which many state and local governments are taking the proactive step of removing information that would be of

value to a criminal for identity theft purposes. Quality Associates is especially pleased to be working with iScan to help make this vision a reality for the state of Maryland.”

Jeff Edwards, Vice President of Business Development, iScan, said “This project is truly an ideal fit for both Quality Associates and iScan. While Quality Associates is guiding the technical strategy and workflow, iScan is supplying the majority of the personnel needed to process the documentation and perform quality assurance on this extensive project.”

Quality Associates focuses on providing services to government agencies and private companies in regulated industries such as accounting, legal, healthcare and finance. Quality Associates is a GSA Federal Supply Service (FSS) contract holder.

**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](http://www.qualityassociatesinc.com).

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