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### **Piast Board Member Honored**

HAMTRAMCK, Mich. – The Piast Institute is pleased to announce that Piast Institute Board Member Steven T. Plochocki, President and CEO of Quality Systems, Inc., a health information technology company, was named Gold Winner in the Executive of the Year - Computer Service Category of the 12th annual American Business Awards.

The award was presented in a ceremony on September 12th, 2014 in San Francisco which honored winners in the technology and new products category. More than 3,300 entries were submitted for consideration across over 200 categories in this year's competition. Quality Systems, Inc. received the Grand Stevie Award for Organization of the Year, along with seven Silver Awards recognizing its successes within other areas such as new products, social media programs and leadership roles. (The award name Stevie is derived from a Greek word meaning "crowned.") Said Plochocki, "It is truly an honor to be named Organization of the Year, and for Quality Systems to have distinguished itself among the 3,300 entries submitted for consideration in the 12th annual American Business Awards program. This recognition is representative of the cumulative effect of the dedicated efforts put forth by our entire team of thousands of employees worldwide. Their unrelenting commitment to our organization is what placed the company in a position of strength at this level of the program. We thank the esteemed 240 judges for their time and insights as well as acknowledging the hard work of our professionals. We also value the Stevie Awards for its proven track record in honoring many facets of business within companies across the world."

"Quality Systems earned its prestigious recognition this year by performing better than any other entrant. This well-deserved honor recognized the Company across the board including its employees, products, management members and other marketing programs," noted Michael Gallagher, president and founder of the Stevie Awards.

Piast President Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski noted in announcing the award to the Piast Board and the Institute's supporters: "We are enormously proud of our board member Steve Plochocki. His creativity, intelligence, business acumen and leadership ability has become legendary in the Business World. He is an outstanding example of the extraordinary success Polish Americans are achieving in American society."

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