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PublicSchoolWORKS named as Finalist in 2014 American Business Awards

New Product – Software finalist, WORKS Crisis Response Program, prepares school staff to mitigate risk during crisis

Cincinnati, OH – May 12, 2014 – The new [Crisis Response Program](#) by [PublicSchoolWORKS](#), the signature safety compliance solution for K-12 schools, was named a Best New Product/Service of the Year - Software finalist for the Governance, Risk and Compliance category in the [2014 American Business AwardsSM](#), the nation's premier business award program. Ultimately, the WORKS Crisis Response Program will be awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze Stevie® distinction. This is the fifth Stevie finalist distinction for WORKS.

The WORKS Crisis Response Program consists of five web-based systems including training of staff and students, management of safety tasks, a Parent InfoCenter, student safety reporting, and student bullying reporting. WORKS systems train both staff and students on how to act in the event of a crisis for the safest possible outcomes, and include preparedness training on an active shooter situation, bomb threat, natural disaster and other crisis. Beyond preparing staff and students for an unexpected emergency, and managing day-to-day safety concerns, this program includes anonymous reporting, data tracking, and 24/7 phone access to a specialist with call tree support to district administrators to ensure incidents with imminent danger are addressed appropriately.

Each Crisis Response Program is customized to meet that district's federal, state and district-specific safety requirements. Legislation is continuously monitored by WORKS to ensure schools remain fully compliant regardless of changes to regulations.

“Although proper crisis training is important, we found schools needed a comprehensive crisis program that offered more tools and resources ‘than simply meeting compliance’ to ensure that staff, students



and buildings are prepared for a crisis situation,” said Tom Strasburger, vice president of PublicSchoolWORKS. “The WORKS Crisis Response Program is this comprehensive solution for schools that maximizes safety and ensures compliance. Recognition as a Stevie American Business Award finalist is an honor that underscores our safe school programs.”

More than 3,300 nominations from companies of all sizes and most industries were submitted this year for consideration in a range of categories. Finalists were chosen by more than 150 business professionals nationwide during preliminary judging in April and May. More than 150 members of several specialized judging committees will determine Stevie Award placements from among the Finalists during final judging, to take place May 13-22, 2014.

The American Business Awards will be presented at two awards events: the ABA's traditional banquet on Friday, June 13, 2014 in Chicago and the new product & technology awards event on Friday, September 12, 2014 in San Francisco.

About the Stevie Awards

Stevie Awards are conferred in five programs: The American Business Awards, The International Business Awards, the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. A sixth program, the German Stevie Awards, will debut later this year. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevie Awards recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about the Stevie Awards at www.StevieAwards.com.

About PublicSchoolWORKS

PublicSchoolWORKS (www.publicschoolworks.com) is committed to providing top-quality, practical and cost-effective solutions to the constantly changing environmental, health and safety requirements affecting the nation's educational systems. The company has earned an exemplary reputation for the innovation and technical superiority of its comprehensive and integrated systems, which combine administrative software tools and automated management resources to dramatically reduce the time and cost required to develop, implement and sustain district-wide safety compliance programs. For more information on how PublicSchoolWORKS can improve districts' safety programs, contact [1-877-779-6757](tel:1-877-779-6757) or sales@publicschoolworks.com.

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