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The PublicSchoolWORKS Crisis Response Program Wins Silver Stevie Award in 2014 American Business Awards

The automated school safety program named New Product or Service of the Year for Governance, Risk & Compliance Software Solution

Cincinnati, OH (September 18, 2014) — The PublicSchoolWORKS [Crisis Response Program](#), an emergency preparedness solution for staff and students, has won a 2014 Silver Stevie® Award for New Product or Service of the Year - Software - Governance, Risk & Compliance Solution.

PublicSchoolWORKS is the only provider of school-focused safety and compliance online management solutions recognized both nationally and worldwide with five Stevie awards in three years for leadership, customer service and innovative solutions. This year's 12th annual American Business AwardsSM received more than 3,300 entries judged by more than 240 U.S. executives.

The Crisis Response Program includes automated and managed online training and safety tasks ensuring that schools practice and are prepared to act in the event of a crisis or emergency, including active shooter situations, IED/bomb threats, natural disasters, or other crises.

“School emergency and crisis planning, preparation and test runs are tough to sustain because of administrators’ ever-growing lists of responsibilities,” said Al Gille, coordinator of health, safety and security at Great Oaks Career Campuses and user of the Crisis Response Program. “In order for a program to be effective, districts need high-quality training, clear communication with staff and first responders, and practice to ensure appropriate actions are taken. The Crisis Response Program takes care of this in one sweep.”



Great Oaks Career Campuses chose the PublicSchoolWORKS Crisis Response Program to ensure optimum preparation, as well as ensure consistency in its response to crises. The system automation manages training and the completion of safety tasks and drills, taking the worry and load off district staff and ensuring nothing slips through the cracks. Additionally, the system houses all necessary documents to complete any drills or tasks, as well as the records of completion.

With the Crisis Response Program, Great Oaks is able to not only deploy training to all employees, but to schedule and ensure completion of district and state-mandated drills and other safety tasks to maximize staff and student knowledge to be prepared for any crisis.

“While no person or tool can prevent incidents from happening, preparing staff with relevant and reliable knowledge to act versus react is critical to providing for the best possible outcome when a crisis occurs,” said Tom Strasburger, vice president of PublicSchoolWORKS.

“The Crisis Response Program gives districts a system that automates the execution of tactical exercises or drills along with training content that increases awareness of potential crises,” said Strasburger. “The combination provides for a level of confidence that our staff and students are prepared to act effectively in the event of a crisis situation.”

Details about The American Business Awards and the full list of Stevie Award winners are available at www.StevieAwards.com/ABA. To learn more about the Crisis Response Program, visit www.publicschoolworks.com/programs/crisis-response.

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About PublicSchoolWORKS

Since 2000, PublicSchoolWORKS safety compliance management solutions have focused on helping schools easily meet ever-changing compliance requirements, improve staff and student safety, cut costs associated with risk, and reduce administrator and staff time and effort. PublicSchoolWORKS is the only, complete K12 safety compliance management program created by and for schools, and is

proud to provide districts with award-winning technology and support recognized by North American educators. For more information on how PublicSchoolWORKS can improve district safety programs, contact **1-877-779-6757** or sales@publicschoolworks.com.

About the Stevie Awards

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