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### **CIS' Erica L. Brooks Receives ASQ Certification in Quality Auditing**

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, JANUARY 24, 2010 – Compliance Implementation Services (CIS), a pharmaceutical compliance consulting firm, is pleased to announce that Erica L. Brooks has completed the requirements to be named by the Certification Board of ASQ (American Society for Quality) as an ASQ-Certified Quality Auditor (ASQ CQA). As such, she has reached a significant level of professional recognition, indicating a proficiency in and a comprehension of quality auditing tools and techniques.

“ASQ provides certification as a way to provide formal recognition to professionals who have demonstrated an understanding of, and a commitment to, quality techniques and practices in their job and career,” explains E. David Spong, ASQ president. “This is a great accomplishment and, although not a formal registration or licensure, it represents a high level of peer recognition.”

To sit for the CQA examination, an individual must have eight years of on-the-job experience in one or more of the areas of the CQA body of knowledge, and three of those years must be in a decision-making position. CQAs apply a variety of auditing techniques in examining and evaluating products, processes, and quality systems against specific standards. CQAs also plan, develop, communicate, and execute an audit within a defined scope, applying management skills to teams and projects, use appropriate tools and methodologies to verify, document, and communicate audit results, and evaluate the effectiveness of corrective actions.

Ms. Brooks is currently a senior compliance manager with CIS where she specializes in developing and managing quality systems. She has an extensive background in Corrective and Preventive Action (CAPA), change control, deviation, and metric management.

### **About CIS**

Compliance Implementation Services (CIS) is a consulting firm specializing in compliance strategies for the pharmaceutical industry, from Global Clinical Research and Development, through Manufacturing, U.S. Commercial Compliance, and Government Programs. Founded in 2004, CIS provides its clients with a deep understanding of industry laws and regulations, innovative and practical applications, and custom solutions to establish a “Culture of Compliance” that is both meaningful and sustainable.

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CIS experts identify, assess and prioritize an organization's exposure to compliance risks, subsequently developing and implementing risk evaluation and mitigation techniques to ensure adherence to legal and regulatory requirements. For more information, visit [www.cis-partners.com](http://www.cis-partners.com).

### **About ASQ**

ASQ is a global community of people dedicated to quality who share the ideas and tools that make our world work better. With millions of individual and organizational members of the community in 150 countries, ASQ has the reputation and reach to bring together the diverse quality champions who are transforming the world's corporations, organizations and communities to meet tomorrow's critical challenges. ASQ is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., with national service centers in China, India and Mexico. Learn more about ASQ's members, mission, technologies and training at [www.asq.org](http://www.asq.org).

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