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PROACT, INC. EARNS HIGHEST QUALITY RATING OF INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITING GROUP FOR ITS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

For the second time in a row, CARF extends ProAct's accreditation for three years without any recommendations for changes, an elite status achieved by only 3 percent of the organizations surveyed worldwide

ProAct, Inc., which provides employment related services to people with disabilities and other challenges, has received another three-year accreditation for its employment programs from CARF, the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. The three year accreditation is the highest level that can be awarded to an organization and shows substantial conformance to CARF standards. Most noteworthy is that after an intensive peer review survey, CARF's report had no recommendations, a rare achievement.

"This is an extraordinary accomplishment, as only 3 percent of CARF surveys result in no recommendations," said Dr. Brian Boon, CARF president and chief executive officer. This is the second consecutive CARF review where ProAct received a three year accreditation with no recommendations.

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“This was incredibly good news,” said ProAct’s president and chief executive officer, Steven Ditschler. “It was an honor to be given this rare distinction of receiving no recommendations the first time. To receive it a second time is remarkable. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all of those who share in our success - ProAct’s participants, staff, board of directors, donors, employers and many others.”

During the course of the accreditation review, CARF surveyors visited ProAct’s facilities in Eagan, Red Wing and Zumbrota, all in Minnesota. The surveyors sampled the views of the people served by ProAct, family members, community leaders, public agency representatives and employees.

The programs accredited are community employment services—job development, job supports and job-site training; employee development services; employment planning services, and organizational employment services.

Headquartered in Eagan, ProAct serves people with developmental and other disabilities, traumatic brain injuries and other barriers to employment and community inclusion. Most of the people served are from the Twin Cities area, southeast Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

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