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### QUANTUM FOODS AWARDED INDUSTRY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

(Reno, NV) – The International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) has awarded the 2009 Industry Award of Excellence to Edward Bleka, president, CEO, and founder of Quantum Foods LLC.

This prestigious award has been bestowed upon Bleka for his innovative contributions to the foodservice industry and for creating one of the fastest growing meat processors in the nation. This award also recognizes Bleka's support and contributions to the United States Military.

Bleka accepted the award on Friday, April 3 in Atlanta during the 108<sup>th</sup> Annual IFSEA Conference and Trade Show. The Industry Award of Excellence is IFSEA's most prestigious award for foodservice professionals.

#### About Quantum Foods, LLC

Bleka founded Quantum Foods in 1990. Today, the company employs more than 1,500 employees at two production plants and one distribution center in Bolingbrook, Ill. Quantum Foods is one of the largest and most technologically advanced providers of custom-menu solutions for leading restaurant chains, including full-service and quick-service establishments. Quantum also provides nutritious and convenient entrees to the United States Military as well as branded and private labels for grocery retailers and club stores. Bleka's mission is to provide custom protein products to foodservice and military – efficiently and safely.

Growing up in a family with a meat industry background, Bleka developed a love for the industry at an early age. He started his career as a meat cutter with a meat processor in Chicago's Stockyards. He held a variety of positions, each with greater responsibility and authority. It was during these early years when he gained his experience.

With Quantum Foods celebrating almost 20 years of service, Bleka says the secret to his success is listening to his customers' needs.

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### **About IFSEA**

The International Food Service Executives Association is a professional organization of more than one thousand professionals world-wide from the foodservice and hospitality industry. Established in 1901, IFSEA is the industry's oldest professional association. IFSEA's mission is to enhance the careers of its members through professional and personal development by providing professional certification, educational opportunities, networking, mentoring, and community service. Activities also include international conferences, culinary competitions, food service excellence awards, student development, food safety education, and much more.

IFSEA has been a proud partner of the U.S. Military for more than 50 years. The association assists the joint services of the Army, Navy, and Military Sealift Command by providing evaluations of Military food service programs, educational food classes, culinary competitions, and the Military Awards for Culinary Excellence.

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