



## Piper Impact Receives Excellence Award

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HOUSTON, April 22 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Quanex Corporation (NYSE: NX) announced today that its Piper Impact division received the Excellence Award for quality from the Mississippi Quality Awards Program. The Mississippi Quality Awards is a professional program providing structure for an organizational self-assessment using the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award criteria, which is considered the best in the world. The annual awards are designed to encourage the application of continuous improvement principles and sharing of best practices.

"We are honored to be recognized for our achievements," said Jeff Petry, President of Piper Impact, "It's been a good year at Piper as recent efforts to improve quality and reduce costs are paying off. We appreciate the acknowledgement for our hard work."

Piper Impact, located in New Albany, Mississippi, was founded in 1958 and employs about 700 people. The company manufactures near-net shaped metal impact extrusions for the automotive, military, and commercial industries. Piper's manufacturing and administrative principles are based on best practices in quality, speed, flexibility, and value to facilitate quick response as customer demands shift.

Quanex is an industry-leading manufacturer of engineered materials and components for vehicular products and building products markets.

For more information, visit the company websites at [www.piperimpact.com](http://www.piperimpact.com) and [www.quanex.com](http://www.quanex.com).

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