

# News Release



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## **PAS TECHNOLOGIES HONORED AGAIN**

**Kansas City, MO., – December 16, 2008** – PAS Technologies was a recipient of the 2008 Keystone Award from the Clay County, Mo., Economic Development Council (CCEDC) being honored for commitment to the County through job creation, capital improvements, new equipment and new technology. Receiving the special recognition award on behalf of the employees of PAS Technologies at the Clay County Economic Development Council’s annual Keystone Awards luncheon Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> were Robert Weiner, President and CEO and Dennis Hercules, Vice President Human Resources.



**Back row: (L) Dennis Hercules, (R) Robert Weiner  
Front row: (LtoR) Clay County Commissioners:  
Craig Porter, Ed Quick, and Larry Larson**

Since Gridiron Capital, LLC, a private equity firm in Connecticut acquired PAS Technologies in 2006; the PAS Technologies’ facility located in North Kansas City has become the new international headquarters for the Corporation creating new positions for highly skilled personnel. Efficiencies have been gained from capital investment in processes, manufacturing and people expertise. “We adopted three main strategies with the objective to produce sustainable growth: business process improvement via Lean Six Sigma, market diversification, and product line development,” stated Robert Weiner. “The plan has scored big time with 35 percent annual growth in just over two years.” Dennis Hercules commented, “We appreciate the community support of the Clay County Commission and the Clay County Economic Development Council as a Keystone Recognition Award recipient. We are confident that the future holds more growth for our company as we deliver more value for our customers.”

PAS Technologies has made a name for itself in the Kansas City region as well as on a national and international level. This is a list of just a few of its 2008 awards, positive reviews and publication recognition.

### Awards honoring PAS Technologies:

- Clay County Keystone Award Winner 2008
- WCBF Global Six Sigma and Business Improvement Award
- Pride@Boeing Awards, Kansas City employees

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Features and reviews in the various industry publications regarding PAS Technologies:

- Aviation Week Show News Farnborough July 2008 "*PAS Technologies Lean Transformation*"
- AIN Online July 2008 "*PAS Tech Gets Lean and Mean*"
- KC Star Business Section article August 2008 "*Building a Lean Machine*"
- ATE&M Magazine article September 2008 issue, "*Leaning into Success*"
- ACG Supplement to KCBJ October 2008 "*Improvements through Lean Six Sigma*"
- Aviation Maintenance Magazine December 2008 "*Change Agent*"

Key PAS Technologies' leadership managers have also given various speeches throughout the year:

- 16th Annual Aero-Engine Conference, San Antonio, TX "*Analysing the Reasons for Parts Repair & Replacement*" by Moti Volovelsky, PAS Technologies' Advisor to the CEO
- 6th Annual Aero-Engine Parts Repair or Replace, Hamburg, Germany "*Lean Six Sigma as a Means of Increasing Efficiency*" by Phil Milazzo, PAS Technologies' Executive Vice President Global Sales & Marketing
- Oklahoma Aero Summit panel presentation "*The Power of Convergence through Process Excellence*" by Robert Weiner, PAS Technologies' President and CEO
- Lean Six Sigma Forum, Miami, FL "*Process Excellence through Convergence*" by Robert Weiner, PAS Technologies' President and CEO
- 14th Industrial Gas Turbine Conference, Birmingham, England "*Implementing a Lean Business Model*" by Phil Milazzo, Executive Vice President Global Sales & Marketing

A privately held corporation headquartered in North Kansas City, Missouri, PAS Technologies Inc. ([www.pas-technologies.com](http://www.pas-technologies.com)), specializes in providing cost-effective repair and overhaul solutions for the aerospace, oilfield and industrial markets. By using innovative and proprietary high-technology repair processes, along with repair solutions licensed from OEMs, the company saves its customers from having to purchase costly replacement parts. It services a broad range of components, including gas turbine engines, critical airframe parts, gates and seats used in oil fields, specialized provider of services to the power generation industry, and components used in other industrial high-wear, high-heat and highly corrosive environments.

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