



## **PURVIS Systems Appoints New Executive Leaders**

**Middletown, RI, May 14, 2015** – PURVIS Systems, a leading IT systems and services provider for the public safety and defense industries, today announced new leadership appointments that help position the company for continued growth.

Stephen P. Massed, formerly Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer at PURVIS, has been promoted to the position of President. In this capacity, Steve is responsible for driving the strategic direction and growth of the organization and he has overall responsibility for the company's finance, operations, engineering, and business development functions. He replaces the former president, John T. Desposito, who served PURVIS for 41 years in various roles. John retired from the company last month, but remains an active PURVIS board member.

"I am thrilled to welcome Steve into the role of President," said Michael Lepanto, Chief Executive Officer of PURVIS. "He brings a tremendous amount of expertise and enthusiasm to the position. While John Desposito has been key to the success of our company to date, I look forward to working closely with Steve to further define PURVIS's strategic direction and capitalize on the growing demand for the products and services we offer."

Steve has decades of executive leadership experience in business and finance within the public safety, defense, and information technology industries. Prior to joining PURVIS in 2008, he served as Partner of Sansiveri Kimball & McNamee, a public accounting and business consulting firm based in Rhode Island. He also previously served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Newport Hospital and the Newport Hospital Foundation and as a member of the Lifespan Visiting Nurses of Newport and Bristol Counties and the Newport County YMCA Boards of Directors.

"I am both delighted and honored to lead PURVIS at this exciting time in our company's history," said Massed. "We see strong opportunities for growth in the defense and public safety industries and we are committed to maximizing our growth potential while maintaining a laser-like focus on delivering superior products and services to our customers."

Along with Steve's promotion, Susan Correia has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Corporate Administration/Human Resources. In this role, Susan takes on responsibility for providing overall administrative and human resources leadership and strategy. She also oversees PURVIS' involvement with insurances and facilities, purchasing, as well as the company's corporate-wide personnel operations, and administration of PURVIS employee benefits and retirement plans.

Additionally, PURVIS has promoted Michelle Freitas to Vice President of Finance. While continuing to manage PURVIS' financial operations, Michelle's responsibilities now include oversight of the company's billings, contracts and project reporting. Michelle also currently serves as the Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee of the People's Credit Union.

**About PURVIS Systems Incorporated**

PURVIS Systems Incorporated, founded in 1973, is a Rhode Island-based company that has served the public safety, emergency management and defense industries for more than 40 years. The company provides engineering and professional technical services, with core competencies focused around communications and information systems. Capabilities range from technology needs assessments and systems integration services to custom hardware and software development -- from initial design, through implementation, life cycle management and 24x7 maintenance. While PURVIS has a strong track record in large, complex organizations, it also serves scores of smaller agencies, particularly within the arena of public safety.

PURVIS Systems has long-term engineering and technical services contracts with clients such as: New York City Fire Department (FDNY), Boston Fire Department, District of Columbia Fire Department, Charleston County, SC, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), and various other municipal and commercial establishments. For more information, please visit [www.purvispublicsafety.com](http://www.purvispublicsafety.com) or [www.purvisdefense.com](http://www.purvisdefense.com).

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