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## **FONA Named Safe Quality Food Institute Manufacturer of the Year**

**GENEVA, IL November 12, 2012** – FONA International, creator and manufacturer of complete flavor solutions for many of the world’s leading food, beverage, pharmaceutical and nutraceutical companies, was named Manufacturer of the Year by the Safe Quality Food Institute (SQFI), recognizing FONA’s superior dedication to food safety and commitment to improving and endorsing the SQF program around the world.

This was the second annual presentation of the award at the yearly SQF International Conference held in Cincinnati; ConAgra Foods was the inaugural winner in 2011.

FONA International “sharpened focus to the importance of food safety and quality from the top to bottom,” said Robert Garfield, senior vice president of SQFI.

“FONA is honored to receive such a prestigious award. We are dedicated to food safety and quality and have made SQF an integral part of our day-to-day activities,” says Ramesh Shah, FONA’s Chief Quality Officer. “We are committed to the well-being of our customers and employees and strict adherence to SQF regulations.”

The Quality Achievement Awards recognize the significant contributions individuals and organizations have made to achieve the SQF Mission of delivering consistent, globally recognized food safety and quality certification programs based on sound scientific principles, consistently applied across all industry sectors, and valued by all stakeholders.

### **About FONA International, Inc.**

Founded in 1987, FONA International creates and manufactures flavors for many of the largest food, beverage, nutraceutical and pharmaceutical companies in the world from its state-of-the-art, 33-acre campus in Geneva, IL. FONA International has established a reputation as the forward-thinking, independent solution provider in the very competitive flavor industry.  
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### **About Safe Quality Food Institute**

Safe Quality Food Institute is a division of the Food Marketing Institute which conducts programs in public affairs, food safety, research, education and industry relations on behalf of its nearly 1,250 food retail and wholesale member companies in the United States and around the world. [www.fmi.org](http://www.fmi.org)

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