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ASTD Presents its Excellence in Practice Awards

(Alexandria, VA) June 13, 2008 – During its 2008 International Conference & Exposition held in San Diego, California, the American Society for Training & Development (ASTD) presented the Excellence in Practice Awards and Citations to 35 organizations from 11 countries: Argentina, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Netherlands, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and the United States.

The ASTD Excellence in Practice Awards program recognizes organizations for results achieved through learning and performance practices and solutions. From 97 submissions, 12 awards and 31 citations were given in seven categories: career development, learning technologies, managing change, organizational learning, performance improvement, training management, and workplace learning and development.

“The winning organizations advance the knowledge of the workplace learning and performance profession and contribute to increasing workforce capability and organizational competitiveness,” notes Tony Bingham, ASTD President and CEO. “Their accomplishments demonstrate how learning increases the performance and success of organizations worldwide.”

The Excellence in Practice **Awards** are presented to those organizations with proven practices that have delivered measurable results in achieving organizational goals. The 12 organizations selected to receive the Excellence in Practice Awards are:

Allied Barton Security Services
King of Prussia, PA

Catholic Healthcare Partners, Cincinnati, OH
and
Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, NC

DIRECTV, Boise, ID

Farmers Insurance Group - University of
Farmers
Agoura Hills, CA

Global Bilgi, Istanbul, Turkey

Infosys BPO, Bangalore, India

InterContinental Hotels Group, Atlanta, GA
and The Forum Corporation Boston, MA

KPMG, Montvale, NJ
and
NxLevel Solutions, Hopewell, NJ
PIXELearning, Coventry, United Kingdom

MaineGeneral Health, Augusta, ME
and Vital Smarts, Provo UT

Reliance Industries Limited, Patalganga
Manufacturing Division, Maharashtra, India

SumTotal Systems, Mountain View, CA

Tao Heung Group, Hong Kong, SAR, China

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The Excellence in Practice **Citations** are presented to those organizations with practices that plan to demonstrate measurable results. The 26 organizations selected to receive Citations are:

Academic Hospital, Maastricht, Netherlands
and
Blue Note Consultants
Maastricht, Netherlands

Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA
and
BTS-USA, San Francisco, CA

AlliedBarton Security Services
King of Prussia, PA

Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, VA

Cartus Corporation, Danbury, CT

Chrysler, Auburn Hills, MI
ES3, Rochester Hills, MI

Farmers Insurance Group-University of Farmers
(two citations), Agoura Hills, CA
and
Inner Harbor Partners in Performance,
Baltimore, MD

Hang Seng Bank, Hong Kong, SAR, China

Healthways, Nashville, TN

Hewlett-Packard Company (six citations)
Palo Alto, CA
and
Compuware, Englewood, CO
Mercuri/PMI, Atlanta GA
Servitium USA, Jacksonville, FL

Hong Kong Disneyland Resort
Hong Kong, SAR, China

HSBC, Taipei, Taiwan

IBM Corporation, Armonk, NY

KIA Motors Europe, Frankfurt, Germany
and

Raytheon Professional Services
Ruesselsheim, Germany

Nike, Beaverton, Oregon
and
Organization Systems International
San Diego, CA

PepsiCo International, Purchase, NY
and
Training Management Corporation
Princeton, NJ
Executive Diversity Services, Seattle, WA
Domino Perspectives, Galway, Ireland

Purolator, Mississauga, Canada
and
TrainingFolks, Woodbridge, Canada
Communicare, Toronto, Canada

Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids, IA
and
Triple Creek Associates, Greenwood Village, CO

Satyam Computer Services, Hyderabad, India

Schenker China, Hong Kong, SAR, China

Tenaris, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The Hong Kong Police Force
Hong Kong, SAR, China

Time Warner Cable, Stamford, CT
and
Accelerated Business Results, Maineville, OH
Gillespie Associates Rochester, NY

Tipco Asphalt, Bangkok, Thailand
Orchid Slingshot, Bangkok, Thailand

U.S. Army Aviation & Missile Life Cycle
Management Command, Huntsville, AL
and
Analytical Services, Huntsville, AL

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About ASTD

ASTD (American Society for Training & Development) is the world's largest association dedicated to workplace learning and performance professionals. ASTD's members come from more than 100 countries and connect locally in 134 U.S. chapters and 26 Global Networks. Members work in thousands of organizations of all sizes, in government, as independent consultants, and suppliers.

ASTD started in 1943. In recent years, ASTD has widened the profession's focus to link learning and performance to individual and organizational results, and is a sought-after voice on critical public policy issues. For more information, visit www.astd.org.

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