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ASTD Presents its Excellence in Practice Awards

(Alexandria, VA) June 2, 2008 – During its 2009 International Conference & Exposition held in Washington, D.C., the American Society for Training & Development (ASTD) presented the Excellence in Practice Awards and Citations to 40 organizations from five countries: Canada, China, India, Thailand, and the United States.

The Excellence in Practice Awards program recognizes organizations for results achieved through learning and performance practices and solutions. From 132 submissions, 17 awards and 49 citations were given in nine categories: career development, learning technologies, managing change, organizational learning, performance improvement, training management, valuing differences, technical training, 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 15 organizations and their partners selected to receive the Excellence in Practice Awards were:

Cisco (2 awards)
San Jose, California

DB Schenker, Hong Kong, SAR, China

Farmers Insurance Group / University of Farmers, Field Training, Agoura Hills, California
and

Inner Harbor Partners for Improved Performance, Baltimore, Maryland

Farmers Insurance Group / University of Farmers, Field Training, Agoura Hills, California

Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California

IBM, Armonk, New York

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Infosys BPO Limited, Bangalore, India

MTR Corporation Limited, Hong Kong, SAR, China

Reliance Industries Limited – Patalganga Manufacturing Division
Maharashtra, India

ResMed Corporation, Poway, California

Satyam Computer Services, Hyderabad, India

Shape Corp., Grand Haven, Michigan

Sun Microsystems, Santa Clara, California

Thai Yamaha Motor, Samutprakarn, Thailand
and
Orchid Slingshot, Bangkok, Thailand

United States Naval Education & Training Command,
Center for Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Diving
Panama City, Florida

United States Naval Education & Training Command,
Center for Information Dominance
Pensacola, Florida

The Excellence in Practice Citations are presented to those organizations with practices that have shown that they will demonstrate measureable results. The 34 organizations and their partners selected to receive Citations were:

Accenture, Chicago, Illinois

AmTrust Bank, Cleveland, Ohio

Ball Corporation - Metal Beverage Packaging Division, Americas, Williamsburg, Virginia
and
Training Modernization Group Inc., Chesapeake, Virginia

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts - Member Service Delivery (2 citations)
Quincy, Massachusetts

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
Boston, Massachusetts

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina
Durham, North Carolina

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Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, Virginia (2 citations)

CDW, Vernon Hills, Illinois

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and

Triple Creek Associates, Greenwood Village, Colorado

China Telecommunications, Beijing, People's Republic of China

and

Beijing Overtime Education & Network Technology Company

Beijing, People's Republic of China

Cisco, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina

DB Schenker, Hong Kong, SAR, China

Farmers Insurance Exchange / University of Farmers, Claims, Agoura Hills, California

Farmers Insurance Group / University of Farmers, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Farmers Insurance Group / University of Farmers, Field Training, Agoura Hills, California

and

Inner Harbor Partners for Improved Performance, Baltimore, Maryland

Group RCI, Parsippany, New Jersey

Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California

Hewlett-Packard Company, IPG Learning & Development

Palo Alto, California

Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California

and

Intuition Consulting, Singapore

Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California

and

OwenCollier Partners, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California

and

HD Productions, Fort Collins, Colorado

and

TrainOne, Charlotte, North Carolina

and

Transform People International, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

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Hollister Incorporated, Libertyville, Illinois
and
Lake Forest Graduate School of Management, Lake Forest, Illinois

The Hong Kong Jockey Club, Hong Kong, SAR, China

IBM Corporation, Armonk, New York

Ingersoll Rand Company, Montvale, New Jersey
and
Indiana University, Kelley School of Business
Bloomington, Indiana

Intel Corporation, Chandler, Arizona (2 citations)

Intel Technology India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, India

Reliance Industries Limited - Hazira Manufacturing Division (2 citations)
Surat, India

Satyam Computer Services, Hyderabad, India (5 citations)

Sprint Nextel, Overland Park, Kansas

Sun Microsystems, Santa Clara, California (3 citations)

Sun Microsystems, Santa Clara, California
and
BTS USA, San Francisco, California
and
Oliver Wyman Executive Learning Center, Portland Oregon

Take Charge America, Phoenix, Arizona
and
Rio Salado Community College, Phoenix, Arizona

TELUS, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
and
University of Toronto, Joseph L. Rotman School of Management, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

TTI Inc., Fort Worth, Texas
and
Assess Systems, A Bigby Havis Company, Dallas, Texas

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United Sabine / The United Companies, Orange, Texas

and
The Integrity Group, Houston, Texas

United States Coast Guard Training Center - Performance Technology Center
Yorktown, Virginia

and
UNITECH, Newport News, Virginia

United States Navy, Arlington, Virginia

United States Postal Service, Employee Development and Diversity –
National Center for Employee Development, Washington, DC

and
The Snell Group, Montpelier, Vermont

and
UE Systems, Elmsford, New York

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 more than 130 U.S. chapters and with more than 30 international partners. 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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