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U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Gary Jones to Speak at ASTD's International Conference

Annual event brings together thousands of training professionals from all over the world

(Alexandria, VA) May 7, 2009 – The American Society for Training & Development (ASTD) announces that Rear Admiral Gary Jones, the U.S. Navy's Chief Learning Officer, will be a featured speaker at its upcoming International Conference & Exposition, to be held May 31-June 3 in Washington, D.C. at the Washington Convention Center.

Rear Admiral Jones, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), oversees the individual learning and development of over 400,000 U.S. Sailors worldwide, as well as providing selected technical training for members of the other U.S. armed services and allied nations. NETC is comprised of more than 19,000 military and civilian staff at more than 170 subordinate activities and detachments in the United States and at remote sites overseas, providing individual learning and development to more than 30,000 students on any given day.

Rear Admiral Jones will speak on Tuesday, June 2, at 10:00 a.m. His presentation is part of many sessions offered for the public sector at ASTD's conference. Nearly 10 percent of the more than 300 sessions will be facilitated by learning leaders from local, state, or federal government.

Session topics include:

- Surfing the Tsunami to a Federal Job
- Interactive Distance Learning by Satellite: Solutions for Corporate & Government Enterprise
- Lessons from a Damaged and Sinking Ship
- Performance Based Interviewing for Federal Positions
- Making People a Top Priority: A View from CHCOs in U.S. Federal Agencies
- Building a Workforce Partnership with the Public Workforce System
- A Federal Family Portrait: Boomers Passing the Torch to Gen X/Y
- View from the Chief Learning Officer: New Focus on Learning in the Federal Government

To learn more about the public sector offerings at the ASTD 2009 International Conference & Exposition, go to www.astd2009.org/government. To request a press pass, please see the instructions in the Press Room at www.astd.org.

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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 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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