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**HEADLINE: Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, APTA 2007 Best Transit System winner, awards AST Corporation a contract for Oracle Applications Consulting and Implementation Services.**

Naperville, IL – The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), winner of the American Public Transportation Association 2007 award for North America's Best Transit System, has awarded AST Corporation a contract for Oracle Applications Consulting and Implementation Services. GCRTA serves 1.4 million people in the Cleveland metropolitan area with bus, heavy and light rail, paratransit, circulator, and transit infrastructure services. The GCRTA uses several Oracle Applications to support its business processes, and sought an experienced partner to lead four separate Oracle projects.

The first project seeks to promptly implement a solution to replace GCRTA's ordering, shipping/distribution and accounting legacy system for its fare media, one that seamlessly integrates with the Authority's financial applications. The solution for GCRTA will incorporate the Supply Chain Management, Order Management, Inventory and iStore modules. This initial project commenced in September 2007. Future projects will include implementation of Oracle Advanced Benefits and Oracle Learning Management, along with an agreement for support services.

AST, an Oracle Certified Advantage Partner, was selected on the basis of its extensive experience in serving clients in the public transit industries, our project management methodologies and our knowledge of the required applications.

#### **About GCRTA**

The GCRTA was awarded in October 2007 the APTA award for North America's Best Public Transit System of the Year. GCRTA is non-profit organization that provides public transportation for the Greater Cleveland area. It provides multiple modes of transportation service (bus, paratransit, circulator, and both heavy and light rail) for its 1.4M people. Its service stretches approximately 458 square miles for 59 municipalities. In 2006, 57.2 million passenger trips were made with GCRTA services.

#### **About AST Corporation**

Established in 1995, Applications Software Technology (AST) Corporation is an Oracle Certified Advantage Partner, an Oracle University training and delivery partner, and a certified Oracle On-Demand implementation provider. AST offers professional consulting services to Oracle Applications users and serves industry-leading organizations in manufacturing, transportation, insurance, retailing, telecommunications and the public sector. Clients look to AST Corporation for assistance in business process redesign, project management, systems integration, systems administration and training.

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