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HEADLINE: AST and Booz Allen Hamilton implement Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12 for Pace Suburban Bus. Achieve first installation nationwide of R12 in the Public Sector.

Naperville, IL — Applications Software Technology, a Certified Advantage Partner in the Oracle Partner Network, in partnership with Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. announces the successful implementation of Oracle E-Business Suite R12 for Oracle Financials and Procurement Applications at Pace Suburban Bus in Arlington Heights, Illinois. The implementation of R12 E-Business Suite is a major step for Pace as the Financial and Procurement Applications will serve as the foundation for future Oracle EAM, CRM and HRMS installations.

The new Oracle system sought to reengineer Pace business processes that operated from legacy systems, which were implemented as vertical solutions with limited data and process integrations across all business functions. A pre-project evaluation determined that decentralized data storage and a lack of inter and intra-organizational system interfaces contributed to data integrity issues, and limited enterprise-level analytics and reporting. Pace chose the Booz Allen-AST Team for its unmatched project and change management experience with Oracle implementations in the mass transit industry, and seasoned transit professionals.

The project provided Pace with a turn-key enterprise and technical infrastructure solution, tightly integrated into Pace's highly-automated corporate headquarters. Pace's new system provides real-time integrated finance, procurement, and human resource functions, enabling Pace to accurately compensate employees, streamline vendor payment activities, and close its books sooner. Additionally, Pace has been able to realize business process improvements such as:

- Management of project cost accounting functionality to provide scaling to large capital programs, including project budgeting and forecasting, analytical tools, project audit capability, and schedule interdependency.
- Realization of increased bus availability, better cost-management, and improved capital planning accuracy by integrating work order activity, inventory management, and planned maintenance scheduling.
- Efficiencies in managing staff through the use of simplified human resource operational processes in anticipation of increased ridership.

The project is the first implementation of Oracle E-Business Suite R12 nationwide in the Public Sector.

About Pace Suburban Bus

Pace is the premier suburban bus service provider in the Chicago metropolitan area, providing regular bus routes and specialized services (dial-a-ride, subscription bus and Vanpool) throughout a six county region in Northeastern Illinois. Pace is the ADA Paratransit Services provider in the City of Chicago, and manages the direct operation of nine former suburban bus systems. Pace serves tens of thousands of daily riders, covers 3,500 square miles and is the one of the largest bus services in North America. Pace operates under the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) financial review and oversight agency.

About AST Corporation

Established in 1995, 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.