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HEADLINE: AST Corporation and the City of Burbank reach another milestone.

Naperville, IL – The City of Burbank, California, “The Media Capital of the World”, has come a long way from 2002 when Oracle Financials were first implemented. Before AST Corporation undertook the implementation and upgrade project, the City was faced with a combination of unanticipated IT issues from various causes. The retention of the early version of Oracle Public Sector Applications was in doubt. The issues were eventually surmounted, and with a display of skill, dedication and plain hard work the project was underway to replace an HR/Payroll legacy system in place for over 25 years. AST offered its assistance in resolving old issues, and guided the City in the implementation and upgrade to R12, with sponsorship from the City Manager and sub-departments as the key driver.

“It wasn’t easy”, said Medik Ghazikhanian, Systems and Project Manager for the City of Burbank, “but working together as a unified team, we were able to successfully go into production on all ERP components.” Officially live on R12 as of April 20, 2009, E-Business Suite is “introducing best practices to the City (and) should also result in improved efficiency,” Ms. Ghazikhanian stated.

AST Corporation, an Oracle Certified Advantage Partner and the System Integrator for the City, was committed to help the City avoid any “gotchas”. Our role from the beginning was to enable the City of Burbank to bring enterprise infrastructure and business applications together to create a high-performing IT environment. In addition, our mission was to reduce any strain on the City’s IT resources with efficient and consolidated approaches to application upgrades. The City was able to meet its “Go Live” deadline with a minimum of downtime.

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.

About the City of Burbank, California

The City of Burbank, California is home to over 102,000 residents. The City is located in the eastern part of the San Fernando Valley, in Los Angeles County, 12 miles from the downtown area of the City of Los Angeles. The City has over 1,500 permanent employees.