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HEADLINE: City of Chicago Awards AST Corporation a Contract to Perform Oracle Grants Accounting Implementation.

Naperville, IL — The City of Chicago implemented Oracle E-Business suite in year 2002. At that time, implementation of Oracle projects and grants was put on hold for various reasons. Because of increasing economic pressures on its constituents, administering grants in various stages of application, acceptance and award, implementation or close-out have taken on a high priority.

After a thorough and competitive selection process, the City of Chicago chose AST Corporation, an Oracle Certified Platinum Partner, to provide Project Management, functional and technical assistance in accordance with terms and conditions of a Master Consulting Agreement in place.

About the City of Chicago
As a multicultural city that thrives on the harmony and diversity of it's neighborhoods, Chicago today embodies the values of America's heartland — integrity, hard work and community — and reflects the ideals in the social fabric of its 77 distinct neighborhoods. Chicago is a leader in reforming public schools, enhancing public safety and security initiatives, providing afford-able housing in attractive and economically sound communities, ensuring accessibility for all and fostering, social, economic and environmental sustainability.

The City of Chicago covers an area of 60,000 hectares and sits 176 meters (578 feet) above sea level on the southwestern shore of Lake Michigan. At 190 km wide and 495 km long, its the 5th largest body of fresh water in the world. The city is traversed by the Chicago and Calumet rivers. Chicago's extensive parklands, including 3,000 hectares of city parks attract an estimated 86 million visitors annually.

About AST Corporation
Established in 1995, AST Corporation is an Oracle Certified Platinum 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.