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HEADLINE: Regional Transportation Authority (Metra) Awards Revenue Accounting System Contract to AST Corporation.

Naperville, IL — The Board of Directors of the Commuter Rail Division (Metra) of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) recently awarded an 18 month contract to Applications Software Technology Corporation (AST Corporation) of Naperville, IL. AST will provide software, hardware and implementation professional services. Through a competitive bidding process, Metra selected Oracle E-Business as the backbone for their Revenue Accounting System Software solution with AST Corporation, an Oracle Certified Platinum Partner, as the system integrator.

About Metra

Metra is the commuter rail agency serving Cook, DuPage, Will, Lake, Kane and McHenry counties in the Chicago area. It is the sister agency to the Chicago Transit Authority, which provides mass transit rail (the 'L') and bus service to Chicago and some suburbs, and Pace, which provides bus service primarily in the Chicago suburbs.

Metra serves more than 100 communities with 239 stations on 11 lines running from five stations in Chicago's downtown.

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.