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HEADLINE: AST Corporation, Oracle Platinum Partner, named E-Business implementer by Irvine Ranch Water District

Irvine, CA — Having outgrown their legacy financial system, Irvine Ranch Water District, CA, needed to modernize with a new Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP). It was essential that with the uncertainty of the global economy looming, IRWD would increase its focus on efficiency and productivity while reducing complexity across the enterprise.

Despite the economic downturn, IRWD finds itself in a strong financial position. This did not happen by accident, but through careful fiscal planning over the course of many years. “Timely and accurate reporting is crucial in making sound financial decisions, providing the transparency that rate payers expect and maximizing District resources.” said Debby Cherney, IRWD Chief Financial Officer. Without hindering future growth IRWD developed a strategic agenda that would automate its business processes and reduce operational costs and increase efficiency through the implementation of Oracle E-Business Suite Financial Management.

Once the decision to acquire Oracle’s ERP system was made, a search for a suitable consulting partner was launched. Key factors in IRWD’s selection of a Systems Integrator, embodied finding a firm that understood IRWD’s business processes, and was expert at delivering best business practices.

“Applications Software Technology Corporation (AST Corporation) was our clear first choice... their relevant public sector experience and implementation approach met our objectives and continues to do so with ongoing knowledge transfer through the first phase, now expecting a phase one (1) go live May 2011” according to Ms Cherney.

About IRWD

The Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) is an independent special district serving Central Orange County, California. IRWD was formed in 1961 and initially served 300 mostly agricultural customers. Today, IRWD customers total more than 300,000, spanning an area of 181 square miles from the foothills to coastal Orange County.

As a source for high-quality drinking water, reliable wastewater collection and treatment, ground-breaking recycled water, and environmentally sound urban runoff treatment, IRWD is well known for its unique allocation-based conservation rate structure, stable water rates, cutting-edge water efficiency programs, while ensuring a diverse, reliable and safe water supply.

About AST Corporation

Established in 1995, AST Corporation is an Oracle 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.