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AST Named to *Inc.* 5000 List of Fastest-Growing Companies

Naperville, IL August 23, 2013: For the second consecutive year AST Corporation has achieved a place on the Inc. 5000, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest growing private companies. With its seventh annual Inc. 500/5000, the list represents the most comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy—America's independent entrepreneurs.

For the 2013 Inc. 5000, the median company on the list increased sales more than 140 percent since the start of 2010, with the average honoree growing 468 percent. AST is a specialized Oracle applications and technologies solutions provider with the objective of helping customers realize the full potential of their investment in technology. AST was first recognized in 2012 for the Inc. 5000 list, and also in 2011 by Inc. Magazine and Winning Workplaces as one of the nation's Top Small Company Workplaces.

"This recognition truly belongs to our employees whose commitment, hard work and professionalism helps us consistently deliver challenging projects to our customers' satisfaction," said Pravin Kumar, CEO and President of AST. "We are honored to have again made the Inc. 5000 list, and to be counted among other top U.S. entrepreneurial leaders."

Methodology

The 2013 Inc. 500|5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth when comparing 2009 to 2013. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by March 31, 2009. They had to be a U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent company as of December 31, 2012. The minimum revenue required for 2012 is \$2 million. Companies on the Inc. 500 are featured in Inc.'s September issue. They represent the top tier of the Inc. 5000, which can be found at www.inc.com/500.

About *Inc.* Magazine

Founded in 1979, *Inc.* is the only major business magazine dedicated exclusively to owners and managers of growing private companies that delivers real solutions for today's innovative company builders. With a total paid circulation of 712,647, *Inc.* provides hands-on tools and market-tested strategies for managing people, finances, sales, marketing, and technology. Visit *Inc.* Magazine online at www.inc.com.

About AST Corporation

Established in 1995, AST Corporation is a Platinum level member of Oracle PartnerNetwork. AST offers professional Oracle consulting services for industry-leading organizations in: municipal, state and federal government; public transportation; airport and seaport; K-12 and secondary education; utilities; manufacturing; and insurance. Clients look to AST Corporation for leadership and assistance in business process redesign, assessment and systems integration services. AST has received numerous awards and recognitions including: Oracle Titan/Excellence Award in 2009, 2011 and 2013; One of the Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in 2012 by the National Association for Business Resources; Top Small Company Workplaces in 2011 by Inc. Magazine and Winning Workplaces; Inc. 5000 Fastest Growing Companies in America in 2012 and 2013.