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## ***Inc. Magazine Unveils 33<sup>rd</sup> Inc. 5000; AST Corporation Named to Prestigious List***

**One of 'America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies', AST ranked for third consecutive year**

**Naperville, IL October 30, 2014:** *Inc. Magazine* has ranked AST Corporation on its 33rd annual Inc. 500|5000, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. The list represents the most comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy—America's independent entrepreneurs.

The 2014 Inc. 5000 is the most competitive crop in the list's history, with the average company on the list achieving a three-year growth of 516%. The Inc. 5000's aggregate revenue is \$211 billion, generating 505,000 jobs over the past three years.

This recognition marks the third consecutive year of AST's inclusion in the Inc. 500|5000. AST was also recognized in 2011 by *Inc. Magazine* and *Winning Workplaces* as one of the nation's Top Small Company Workplaces.

"This award is a credit to AST's employees. Their expertise, commitment, hard work and professionalism help us consistently deliver challenging projects to our customers' satisfaction. They are the reason for our sustained growth as we approach our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year," said Pravin Kumar, CEO and President of AST. "It is an honor and a well-earned recognition of our employees to have made the Inc. 5000 list for a third year, and to be counted among other top U.S. entrepreneurial leaders."

### **Methodology**

The 2014 Inc. 5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth when comparing 2010 to 2013. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by March 31, 2010. They had to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent—not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies—as of December 31, 2013. The minimum revenue required for 2010 is \$100,000; the minimum for 2013 is \$2 million. Companies on the Inc. 5000 can be found at <http://www.inc.com/5000>.

### **About *Inc. Magazine* and the Inc. 5000**

Founded in 1979, *Inc.* is the only major business magazine dedicated exclusively to owners and managers of growing private companies that deliver real solutions for today's innovative company builders. Total monthly audience reach for the brand has grown significantly from 2,000,000 in 2010 to over 6,000,000 today. Visit *Inc. Magazine* online at [www.inc.com](http://www.inc.com).

The Inc. 500|5000 is a list of the fastest-growing private companies in the nation. Started in 1982, this prestigious list of the nation's most successful private companies has become the hallmark of entrepreneurial success.

## About AST Corporation

Established in 1995, AST Corporation is a Platinum level member of Oracle PartnerNetwork (OPN), Specialized Oracle Applications and Technologies systems integrator, an Oracle University training and delivery partner, and a certified Oracle Cloud Services implementation provider. AST's services encompass all aspects of Oracle E-Business Suite, Business Intelligence, Enterprise Performance Management, Middleware, and CRM implementations, as well as flexible, on-shore Managed Services and comprehensive Oracle University courses. AST serves industry-leading public sector and commercial organizations: municipal, state and federal government; public transportation; airport and seaport; K-12 and secondary education; utilities/energy; manufacturing; insurance; retailing; telecommunications. Clients look to AST Corporation for leadership and assistance in systems integration, business process redesign, project management, systems administration and training.