ASTD Presents Excellence in Practice Awards
to 18 Organizations

(Denver, CO), May 7, 2012— During its 2012 International Conference & Exposition held here, the American Society for Training & Development (ASTD) presented the Excellence in Practice Awards and Citations to 61 organizations from 11 countries: Canada, China, India, Ireland, Israel, The Netherlands, Taiwan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United States, and Vietnam.

The Excellence in Practice awards recognize organizations for results achieved through learning and development solutions. Out of 160 submissions, 19 awards and 63 citations were given in 10 categories: career development, diversity and inclusion, integrated talent management, learning technologies, managing change, organizational learning, performance improvement, training management, technical training, and workplace learning and development.

"The winning organizations demonstrate how learning increases the performance and success of organizations worldwide," says Tony Bingham, ASTD President and CEO. "Their accomplishments advance the knowledge of the workplace learning and development profession and contribute to increasing workforce capability and organizational competitiveness."

The Excellence in Practice Awards are presented to organizations with proven practices that have delivered measurable results. The organizations and their partners selected to receive Excellence in Practice Awards are:

Abbot, Abbot Park, Illinois

Asurion, Nashville, Tennessee

Ball Metal Beverage Packaging Division, Williamsburg, Virginia
and
Training Modernization Group, Spotsylvania, Virginia

Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, Virginia

China Post Group, Beijing, China
and
Shijiazhuang Sunnysky Software Technology Co. Ltd., Shijiazhuang, China

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College of American Pathologists, Northfield, Illinois
and
McKinley Medical Enterprises, Inc., Suwanee, Georgia

Farmers Insurance, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California
and
BTS USA, Inc, San Francisco, California

Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California
and
Productivity Dynamics, Boston, Massachusetts

MetLife, Irvine, California
and
The Next Level Sales Consulting, El Segundo, California

Naval Education Training Command's Surface Warfare Officers School, Newport, Rhode Island

Naval Education Training Command's Center for Information Dominance, Pensacola, Florida

Naval Education Training Command's Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Newport, Rhode Island
and
Naval Air Warfare Center, Training Systems Division, Orlando, Florida
and
UCLA, National Center for Research on Evaluation Standards and Student Testing, Los Angeles, California

Pelephone Communications LTD, Givatayim, Israel

PepsiCo, Purchase, New York

Shape Corp, Grand Haven, Michigan

Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri A.S., Istanbul, Turkey

Turkiye Is Bankasi A.S., Istanbul, Turkey
and
Dilek Saglik Training and Consultancy, Istanbul, Turkey
and
Sistema Consultancy Training and Solutions, Istanbul, Turkey
and
NAR Training and Consultancy, Istanbul, Turkey

Verizon Wireless, Basking Ridge, New Jersey
and
Strayer University, Newington, Virginia
and
Bellevue University, Bellevue, Nebraska
and
ITCAP, Tuscon, Arizona

A complete list of Award and Citation winners can be found on the ASTD website, www.astd.org.

About ASTD
ASTD (American Society for Training & Development) is the world's largest professional association dedicated to the training and development field. In more than 100 countries, ASTD's members work in organizations of all sizes, in the private and public sectors, as independent consultants, and as suppliers. Members connect locally in 120 U.S. chapters and with 20 international partners. ASTD started in 1943 and in recent years has widened the profession's focus to align learning and performance to organizational results, and is a sought-after voice on critical public policy issues. For more information, visit www.astd.org.

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