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### **ASTD Announces 42 Winners in its Fifth Annual "BEST Awards"**

*Awards Recognize Organizations' Commitment to World-Class Learning and Performance*

**(Alexandria, VA)** October 4, 2007 – The American Society for Training & Development (ASTD) announces that 42 organizations from Canada, India, South Africa, and the United States are winners in the 2007 ASTD BEST Awards competition. Satyam Computer Services of India holds the first place ranking.

The 2007 ASTD BEST Award winners are recognized in a special section of the October issue of *Training + Development (T+D)*, ASTD's monthly magazine, and were honored during a reception on October 2 in Washington, D.C. Many of the winners participated in the "Learn from the BEST" event on October 3 to share best practices during roundtable presentations and networking time.

The BEST Awards recognize organizations that demonstrate enterprise-wide success through employee learning and development. According to Tony Bingham, ASTD's president and CEO, "The BEST Award winners can articulate the value of learning and its impact on the organization's bottom line. And, they ensure that the company's leaders – from the C suite to line managers – are heavily involved in learning and model leaders as teachers."

Through an online application, the 2007 BEST Awards received entries from 103 organizations in eight countries. These organizations submitted quantitative and qualitative information to ASTD about their learning and development practices and programs. Their applications were assessed by members of the BEST Awards advisory committee, a group of experts in the learning and performance field.

More information about the 2007 ASTD BEST Award winners may be found in the October 2007 issue of *T+D* magazine and online: [www.astd.org/BEST\\_Awards](http://www.astd.org/BEST_Awards). Details about the 2008 ASTD BEST Awards program will be available next February.

ASTD would like to thank IBM, silver sponsor of the 2007 BEST Awards.

#### About ASTD

ASTD (American Society for Training & Development) is the world's largest association dedicated to workplace learning and performance professionals. ASTD's members come from more than 100 countries and connect locally in 136 U.S. chapters and 25 Global Networks. Members work in thousands of organizations of all sizes, in government, as independent consultants, and suppliers.

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ASTD started in 1944 when the organization held its first annual conference. ASTD has widened the profession's focus to link learning and performance to individual and organizational results, and is a sought-after voice on critical public policy issues. For more information, visit [www.astd.org](http://www.astd.org).

The 2007 ASTD BEST Award winners and rankings:

- 1 Satyam Computer Services
- 2 sanofi-aventis U.S.
- 3 TELUS Communications
- 4 BD (Becton, Dickinson & Company)
- 5 Deloitte & Touche USA LLP
- 6 U.S. Army Armament Research Development and Engineering Center
- 7 Equity Residential
- 8 Wachovia
- 9 The Home Depot
- 10 Air Products and Chemicals
- 11 Wipro Technologies
- 12 EMC Corporation
- 13 Checkfree Services Inc.
- 14 Telkom SA Limited
- 15 BB&T
- 16 UT-Battelle, LLC – Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- 17 Ruby Tuesday Inc.
- 18 Tata Consultancy Services Limited
- 19 BJC HealthCare
- 20 Caterpillar
- 21 Scottrade
- 22 Infosys Technologies Limited
- 23 ICICI Bank Limited
- 24 Clarkston Consulting
- 25 Nemours
- 26 Microsoft
- 27 Anel Corporation
- 28 Howrey LLP
- 29 Baptist Health Care
- 30 Highmark (an independent licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association)
- 31 WakeMed Health & Hospitals
- 32 American Express Company
- 33 Gables Residential
- 34 ETS
- 35 American Home Shield Corporation
- 36 Saskatchewan Telecommunications
- 37 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- 38 Alliance Data
- 39 iQor, Inc.
- 40 LexisNexis
- 41 BWXT Pantex
- 42 The Schwan Food Company

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