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AST Wins Chicago's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For, 2021

Lisle, IL, July 15, 2021: AST today announces its designation as one of Chicago's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For, 2021. AST is a multi-year winner of this award, having demonstrated an innovative and thoughtful human resources approach.

The National Association for Business Resources (NABR) identifies numerous best Human Resource practices and provides benchmarking for companies that continue to be leaders in employment standards. The independent research firm evaluates each company's entry based on various categories, including Compensation, Benefits, and Employee Solutions; Employee Enrichment, Engagement, and Retention; Employee Education and Development; Recruitment, Selection and Orientation; Employee Achievement and Recognition; Communication and Shared Vision; Diversity and Inclusion; Work-Life Balance; Community Initiatives and Strategic Company Performance.

"Having competitive people practices starts with listening to our people. At AST, people are the center of everything, and every decision made. My team and I strive to provide the best possible experience for our employees. We continuously gather feedback and evolve our people practices, creating an inclusive and engaged culture to empower the AST workplace of the future," states Teresa Stanula, VP of Global Human Resources at AST.

AST fosters a culture of inclusivity and innovation at every level of the organization, using strong leadership tenets as a guide: Teamwork, Trust, Accountability, Integrity, and Resiliency. All doors are open and all ideas matter, giving AST's people the ability to quickly understand the needs of customers and translate those needs into action. The results reveal AST's strengths and reflect the Core Values on which AST operates: Quality, Innovation, and Customer Success.

"People at AST take deep pride in their work and collaborate together to deliver world-class digital transformation solutions for our customers. To be recognized as a Best and Brightest Company further acknowledges our people and the strength of our inclusive, One AST culture. I am committed to our people at AST and continuing to provide them the best experience with an abundance of opportunity," pledges Justin Winter, CEO at AST.

About the Best and Brightest to Work For® Program

The Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® is a national program that provides the business community with the opportunity to gain recognition, showcase their best practices, and demonstrate why they are ideal for employees to work. This national program celebrates those companies that are making better business, creating richer lives, and building a stronger community. The award is presented annually in several markets, including Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, New York, Portland, San Diego, San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle, West Michigan, and Nationally.

About Applications Software Technology (AST) LLC

AST is an award-winning, full-service enterprise solution provider, guiding digital transformation for clients in the Government and Commercial Sectors for more than two decades. Clients look to AST for leadership and assistance in transforming their organizations via software solutions, process engineering, and change management. From cloud technology to legacy on-premises applications, AST's services encompass all aspects of SaaS, PaaS and IaaS. AST also offers flexible Managed Services, supporting the needs of over 200 customers around the globe.