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### U.S. SECURITY ASSOCIATES SELECTED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S 40 BEST EMPLOYEE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Atlanta, Georgia, October 5, 2006—U.S. Security Associates (USA) has announced that it has been named a 2006 BEST Award winner by the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD). Other 2006 winners include such highly respected companies from around the world as Caterpillar, Infosys Technologies Limited (India), Microsoft, NCR Corporation, Verizon Communications, American Express, Deloitte & Touche, Merck and Wal-Mart Stores, among others.

Criteria for selection as a BEST (**B**uilding talent, **E**nterprise-wide, **S**upported by the organization's leaders, fostering a **T**horough learning culture) Award winner is a company's ability to demonstrate enterprise-wide success as a result of employee training and development that creates and supports a deep learning culture, and provides opportunities for achieving business results.

Chuck Schneider, CEO of U.S. Security Associates, said, "Training and development is paramount to U.S. Security Associates' long- and short-term success. Two years ago, we created the USA Security Academy with the mandate of developing the best-trained people in the industry to serve our clients. We knew we were on the right track due to our client retention rate of over 90 percent, but the BEST Award affirms our investment and direction, and we're delighted to be in such distinguished company."

Begun in 1944, ASTD is the world's largest association dedicated to workplace learning and performance professionals. Its 70,000 members and associates from more than 100 countries include multinational corporations, medium-size and small businesses, government, academia, consultants and service suppliers. For more information visit [www.thebest40.com](http://www.thebest40.com).

Founded in 1955 in Atlanta, Ga., U.S. Security Associates is the country's fourth largest uniformed security service company, with 22,000 employees in 103 cities. Some of its other clients include Abbott Laboratories, CB Richard Ellis, CVS, Federal Express, Georgia-Pacific,

J.P. Morgan, Lockheed Martin, Merrill Lynch, Procter & Gamble, Union Pacific and UPS. For more information, visit [www.ussecurityassociates.com](http://www.ussecurityassociates.com).

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