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**Virginia Business Incubation Association presents
The Donna Noble Outstanding Virginia Incubator Client Award
To Advanced Science and Automation Corporation of Hampton, VA**

CHARLOTTESVILLE— The Virginia Business Incubation Association presented the 2007 Donna Noble Outstanding Virginia Incubator Client Award to Advanced Science and Automation Corporation. The Donna Noble Outstanding Virginia Incubator Client Award sponsored by Arlington Economic Development is presented each year to an outstanding client of one of 30 Virginia incubation programs.

Dr. Tamer Wasfy, President and Founder, accepted the award on behalf of Advanced Science and Automation Corporation. Headquartered in Hampton, Virginia, Advanced Science and Automation Corporation (ASA) develops software for modeling & simulation, virtual-reality and eLearning. ASA entered the Hampton Roads Technology Incubator in 2005 and currently remains a client. When it entered the incubator, ASA's revenue was \$401,000 for 2005. Revenue continues to increase each year, and the company is on track to achieve its target of \$660,000 in 2007. ASA's staff grew from five employees in 2005 to its target of ten in 2007.

ASA credits the Hampton Roads Technology Incubator for the invaluable assistance it provided to the company during the past 16 months. The incubator introduced ASA to the Hampton city government as well as to several community colleges, one of which is using ASA's training and education software. Hampton Roads Technology Incubator also provided assistance to ASA in marketing its software products to area organizations and businesses, opening doors to possible collaborative projects with those companies.

The Virginia Business Incubation Association Board of Directors established the Donna Noble Outstanding Virginia Incubator Client Award in honor of Donna Noble, a founding Board Member, who lost her battle with cancer on May 29, 2001 at the age of 36. Donna was known for her energetic dedication to Incubator America! in Arlington, Virginia. “It is truly fitting that we recognize Advanced Science and Automation Corporation with this award,” says VBIA board member, Bill Bean. “They have been very responsive to the HRTI incubator program and work well with their advisors. Their company is coming together very well and we expect that they will be extremely successful.”

The purpose and objective of the Virginia Business Incubation Association (VBIA), is to promote, encourage and support the successful establishment and operation of small business incubation programs and facilities to stimulate economic development activity in Virginia through the creation of new jobs, new investment and new business formation. For more information on incubators in your area, visit www.vbia.org.

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