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PPG Industries Makes EITC Contribution to ASSET Inc.

PITTSBURGH – ASSET (Achieving Student Success through Excellence in Teaching), Inc. has received a \$35,000 grant from PPG Industries as part of the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

Funding through EITC helps support ASSET's Center for Teacher Professional Development which trains teachers on the inquiry method of teaching science. "Support from corporations like PPG Industries enables us to help teachers continuously improve the teaching and learning process," said Reeny Davison, Ed.D., ASSET Inc.'s executive director. "Research supports that when teachers are learning, students are learning."

PPG is strongly committed to supporting the communities where its employees work and live," said Sue Sloan, PPG Industries Foundation's executive director. "We are proud to support ASSET in its efforts to help enrich science and technology education."

Pittsburgh-based PPG is a global supplier of paints, coatings, chemicals, optical products, specialty materials, glass and fiber glass. The company has more than 150 manufacturing facilities and equity affiliates and operates in more than 60 countries. Sales in 2007 were US\$11.2 billion. PPG shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: PPG).

ASSET Inc. is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to continuously improve teaching and student learning, with an initial focus on K-8 science education. ASSET currently serves more than 148 school districts, charter and private schools impacting 4,400 teachers and 180,000 students across Pennsylvania. Established in 1994 by Bayer Corporation and several community partners, ASSET also received substantial funding from the National Science Foundation. Today, ASSET has achieved sustainability as a fee-for-service organization with ongoing support from several local and national foundations and corporate partners. Through a \$13.5 million appropriation in the FY 2007-08 state budget, the Pennsylvania Department of Education is partnering with ASSET Inc. to improve elementary science education statewide.

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