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**SCRA's Advanced Technology Institute Named by  
*The Wall Street Journal*  
as One of Top 15 Winning Workplaces in U.S.**

**CHARLESTON, SC – October 1, 2009** – *The Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) and Winning Workplaces announced this week that SCRA's Advanced Technology Institute (ATI), North Charleston, has been selected as one of the 15 Top Small Workplaces in the United States.

Winning Workplaces, a nonprofit that helps small and midsize companies improve their workplace practices, began seeking nominations last year. From 629 nominations nationally, the 15 winners were announced in the *WSJ Report on Small Business* on Monday. A prestigious panel of judges selected the 15 winners who best represent the most exemplary, innovative workplaces.

The Winning Workplaces evaluation criteria include many of the workplace practices that ATI embraces, including employee learning & growth, flexible work schedules, hiring from within, teamwork, values and performance-based compensation. "ATI's values are closely aligned with the Top Small Workplaces focus, so it's very gratifying for this prestigious, independent group to validate our efforts to make these values a living part of our day-to-day routine," said Rick Self, ATI President. "This recognition is the result

of much hard work by people across our entire company to create a work environment worthy of emulation by others.”

ATI builds international collaborations to develop and implement world-class solutions for manufacturing, aerospace, maritime, metals, energy and healthcare industries. ATI’s collaborative approach engages top talent from premier companies, universities and government agencies. ATI’s approach matches business demands to technology and research roadmaps that provide the resources to meet challenges for clients and partners.

ATI’s role in these endeavors is to guide the design of a customized collaboration structure that is optimized to meet the specific needs of participants and sponsors. ATI associates serve as neutral agents to manage the day-to-day research operations and administration for their clients.

ATI’s partners report improved market transition and return on investment with reduced risk. These practical business benefits enable ATI associates to enjoy participation in the downstream economic and social benefits of the new technologies, including healthcare, manufacturing competitiveness, environmental protection and energy conservation.

“ATI continues to set the pace for SCRA and its affiliates in business, technology and workplace best practices,” said Bill Mahoney, SCRA CEO.

“We’re humbly proud of this important, national recognition for SCRA’s ATI affiliate, which follows recent recognition from the State Science Technology Institute and from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, which also named ATI as a great place to work.”

ATI is a private, non-profit applied research and applied services corporation with principal offices at the Trident Research Center in North Charleston, South Carolina. ATI is an affiliate of SCRA.

## **About SCRA**

SCRA is a global leader in applied research and commercialization services with offices in South Carolina, Ohio and in the Washington, D.C. area. SCRA collaborates to advance technology, providing technology-based solutions with assured outcomes to industry and government, with the help of research universities in S.C., the U.S. and around the world.