



*Applied Systems and Technology Transfer  
Transforming Today's Technology Into Tomorrows Jobs*

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## **Applied Systems and Technology Transfer selected by Department of Defense for contracting**

Applied Systems and Technology Transfer (AST2) is one of six Ohio companies chosen by the U.S. Department of Defense to provide services to Navy agencies and the Marine Corps. Nationwide, over 300 contractors were selected to participate in the Navy's SeaPort Enhanced program for procuring services. The Federal Government plans to spend over \$5 billion each year under this three year program which has already awarded over 2,200 contracts.

"The Department of Defense's selection of AST2 to provide services to the Marine Corps and Naval agencies is another great indication that Youngstown is leading the way with innovative solutions for our nation's biggest challenges," states Congressman Tim Ryan (D-17). "AST2 is an essential company in the Youngstown Business Incubator and shows what success we can have when we invest in the creativity and work ethic that exists in the Mahoning Valley. The selection of AST2 and five other Ohio companies for this important project is an honor of which all Ohioans can be proud."

AST2 works with advanced stage technologies to develop "path to market" commercialization strategies that move the technologies from the research and development phases into the marketplace. AST2 specifically focuses on defense, energy and environmental markets and works with technologies that leverage information technology solutions, advanced materials and intelligent manufacturing. AST 2 also provides technology solutions including systems engineering and technical support services to both governmental and commercial sectors.

Established in 2009 by Jack Scott, former president/COO of Parsons, a global engineering and construction firm, AST2 is located in the Youngstown Business Incubator, a nationally-recognized incubator that supports innovative and entrepreneurial ventures. Scott, a Mahoning Valley native and Youngstown State University graduate, located AST2 in Youngstown to assist in the transformation of the Mahoning Valley from a "rust belt" city to one known for its dynamic, technology-driven economy. AST2 is actively working with regional technology development organizations, academic institutions and primary educators on numerous economic development initiatives.

“SeaPortE is one several recent “wins” by AST2 that will contribute to Mahoning Valley’s transformation into a globally recognized technology-focused economy,” says Jack Scott, president and founder of AST2. “Supported by government and community leaders, the region is rich with technology, business, educational and research assets which led me to establish AST2 in Youngstown.”

Services needed by the Navy and Marines include research and development support, engineering, model-making and simulation services, software engineering, system design and technical services, information technology support, acquisition logistics and training services.

About Applied Systems and Technology Transfer: AST2’s Technology Transfer group supports commercialization of advanced stage technologies through development of “path to market” strategies for defense, energy and environmental markets. AST2 provides technical and management expertise to transition from R&D to prototyping, demonstration and commercialization. AST2 identifies and pursues development and commercialization funding from Federal and State agencies as well as other non-dilutive capital sources. The Applied Systems provides technology solutions including systems engineering and technical support services to both governmental and commercial sectors. Headquartered in Youngstown, OH, AST2 is a designated HUBZone Small Business Contractor by the U.S. Small Business Administration which provides preferential access to federal procurement opportunities. Visit [www.ast2.net](http://www.ast2.net)