



## **ASCENT LAUNCHES FIRST AUTODESK CIVIL 3D COURSEWARE TITLE**

**Mississauga, ON, December 1, 2005** – RAND A Technology Corporation [TSX:RND], operating as RAND Worldwide, announces that its wholly-owned subsidiary, ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge®, has launched its first Autodesk Civil 3D courseware title as a part of its comprehensive Autodesk courseware offerings.

ASCENT's Civil 3D course enables users to efficiently use the application to create relationships between objects within a file for automatic project design change updates as modifications to plans occur. The class delivers the tools that users will need in order to work with Civil 3D effectively, covering a broad range of topics such as points and point groups; surface creation, editing, and analysis; assemblies, corridors, and section views; parcel creation and annotation; pipe networks, and grading.

"This new title release is a natural extension to ASCENT's existing Autodesk courseware line up," said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice President, RAND Worldwide. "Through a unified drafting and design environment, our Civil 3D courseware will enable designers and engineers to streamline their design processes to further enhance productivity and ultimately save time and money."

ASCENT is an Authorized Author, Publisher, and Developer of Autodesk courseware and has broad range of Autodesk courseware available. The company's complete courseware line-up for Autodesk, Dassault Systèmes, and PTC based software solutions can be seen at [www.ASCENTed.com/courseware.htm](http://www.ASCENTed.com/courseware.htm).

### **About ASCENT**

ASCENT- Center for Technical Knowledge is the leading developer of high-quality professional training, technical documentation, and knowledge products for engineering applications. ASCENT's products are used to train thousands of people in the engineering and manufacturing fields around the world each year and are developed by a multidisciplinary team of engineers, technical writers, courseware developers, and instructional designers. ASCENT is a wholly owned subsidiary of RAND Worldwide. More information about the company can be found at [www.ASCENTed.com](http://www.ASCENTed.com).

### **About RAND Worldwide**

RAND Worldwide is one of the world's leading providers of professional services and technology to the engineering community and companies looking to improve their competitiveness, productivity and profitability by enhancing key aspects of their Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) and Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) capabilities, including planning, development, and management. As a leading technology independent systems integrator in the world, RAND Worldwide employs 381 people in over 70 sales and client service centers around the world. The Company's corporate head office in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada can be reached at 905-625-2000.

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