



## ASCENT RELEASES FOUR NEW COURSES FOR AUTODESK PRODUCTS

**Mississauga, ON, June 8, 2006** – RAND A Technology Corporation [TSX: RND], operating as RAND Worldwide, announced today that its courseware division, ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge®, has added four new titles to its courseware offerings for Autodesk products: *AutoCAD 2007 Level 1*, *Revit 9 Level 1*, *AutoCAD 2007 Update for AutoCAD 2005 3D Users*, and *AutoCAD 2007 Update for AutoCAD 2005 2D Users*.

The *AutoCAD 2007 Level 1* course is a comprehensive training guide designed to give new AutoCAD users the core knowledge required to maximize the capabilities available within the application. The course covers the essential skills needed to use the application effectively, from basic drawing and editing, through to more sophisticated techniques for drawing setup and productivity for the creation of more complex drawings.

The second title, *Revit 9 Level 1* training guide enables new Revit Building users to master the application's powerful parametric 3D modeling capabilities to create and design full 3D architectural project models, and set them up in working drawings. Skills comprehension for the creation of basic floor plan and structural elements, level and grid setup, and design change implementation are gained through the course.

The *AutoCAD 2007 Update for AutoCAD 2005 3D Users* training guide is designed for those with previous AutoCAD 3D modeling experience. The course provides an overview of AutoCAD 2007's revamped 3D tools and focuses specifically on the 3D Modeling Workspace. Users are educated in the new methods of accessing commands and using the 3D space to visualize, create, and modify 3D objects.

The fourth title in ASCENT's courseware release, *AutoCAD 2007 Update for AutoCAD 2005 2D Users*, is an ideal training guide for users that are upgrading from AutoCAD 2005 to AutoCAD 2007. The course introduces the new 2D features released in both AutoCAD 2006 and 2007 and focuses primarily on the key innovations introduced in the two releases – dynamic input and dynamic blocks. A comprehensive overview of the AutoCAD 2007 interface is also provided.

"ASCENT is dedicated to providing advanced educational programs for Autodesk users," said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice President PLM operations, North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. "Our courses have been an essential component to organizations and educational institutions around the world who are looking to have their users and students achieve the highest skill levels. Enhanced productivity and better design creation have been achieved through ASCENT's courses for each new application upgrade."

ASCENT is planning to release its *Architectural Desktop 2007 Level 1* and *Inventor R10 to R11 Update* later this month, followed by its AutoCAD 2007 Level 2 course in July for further AutoCAD application knowledge enhancement. The company's complete courseware line-up for Autodesk, Dassault Systèmes, and PTC software solutions can be seen at [www.ASCENTed.com/courseware.htm](http://www.ASCENTed.com/courseware.htm).

### **About ASCENT:**

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