



ASCENT UPDATES ADT, INVENTOR, AND REVIT BUILDING COURSES

Mississauga, ON, October 12, 2006 – RAND A Technology Corporation [TSX: RND], operating as RAND Worldwide™, a global leader in providing technology solutions to organizations with engineering design and information technology requirements, announced today that its courseware division, ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge®, has introduced three updated courseware offerings for Autodesk products:

- *Architectural Desktop 2007 Level 2*
- *Inventor R11: Advanced Modeling*
- *Revit Building 9 Level 2*

The *Architectural Desktop 2007 Level 2* course offers advanced feature training for users, such as architects, structural engineers and facilities managers, who have completed ASCENT's *Architectural Desktop 2007 Level 1* course. Students learn to create development and construction documentation, design massing and space studies, and gain greater application control through workspace customization. The course also covers annotation object styles and AEC object style creation, such as walls, doors, windows, and curtain walls.

The *Inventor R11: Advanced Modeling* course is the third in a series of Inventor R11 courses developed by ASCENT. Students learn to enhance productivity levels within the application and build on the skills acquired in the *Inventor R11: Introduction to Solid Modeling* and *Inventor R11: Intermediate Modeling* courses. The course's focus on Top-Down Design, Positional and Level of Detail Representations, Design Accelerator and CAD management techniques teaches users how to increase assembly creation efficiency. The course also provides students with an introduction to Inventor Studio through instruction on how to render and animate realistic images of parts and assemblies, as well as custom sketched symbol creation for drawing placement to further enhance design communication to manufacturing teams.

Revit Building 9 Level 2 builds upon students' core knowledge gained in ASCENT's *Revit Building 9 Level 1* training course by focusing on the application's more advanced features. Users attending training with this courseware gain skills in advanced editing, rendering and viewing tools, workspace customization, structural and site design, space planning and conceptual design, family creation, and information sharing and collaboration.

"ASCENT continues to maintain aggressive updating efforts for our curriculum to ensure that our clients have their student exercise books and annual licenses current with the latest software releases," said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice President PLM operations, North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide.

ASCENT is an Authorized Author, Publisher and Developer of Autodesk® curriculum. All of the company's Autodesk® courses are available to educational institutions, individuals and organizations. Highly trained technical instructors also deliver ASCENT's Autodesk courses through RAND's IMAGINiT Technologies division.

ASCENT is planning to release its *AutoCAD 2007 Plotting and Sheet Sets*, courses later this fall. The company's complete courseware lineup for Autodesk, Dassault Systèmes and PTC software solutions can be seen at 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 division of RAND Worldwide. More information about the company can be found at www.ASCENTed.com.



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