



ASCENT RELEASES NEW INVENTOR® R11 AND AUTOCAD® 2007 COURSES

Mississauga, ON, August 24, 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 added four new titles to its suite of Autodesk® courseware offerings:

- *Inventor R11: Intermediate Modeling*
- *Introduction to AutoCAD LT 2007*
- *AutoCAD 2007 3D Drawing and Modeling*
- *AutoCAD LT 2007 Level 1*

ASCENT's *Inventor R11: Intermediate Modeling* course is the second in ASCENT's series of Inventor® R11 curriculum. The course builds on the skills acquired in the *Inventor R11: Introduction to Solid Modeling* course to enhance user competency in part and assembly design. The course presents practical modeling strategies through the introduction of topics such as surface design, iMates, iFeatures, iParts, iAssemblies, and data translation.

The second title release, *AutoCAD 2007 3D Drawing and Modeling*, introduces users who are proficient with AutoCAD's 2D commands to the concepts and methods of 3D modeling. The course is ideal for AutoCAD® users moving from the traditional two-dimensional drawing to 3D modeling. Students taking the course gain a thorough understanding of 3D fundamentals, including topics such as creating solids and surfaces from 2D objects, editing and conversion tools for 3D elements and using visualization and rendering tools.

The *AutoCAD LT 2007 Level 1* course is ideal for new users of AutoCAD LT® 2007. The course covers the fundamental and more advanced concepts and techniques of 2D drawings. Fundamental topics covered include understanding the workspace, creating simple and precise drawings, and working with Dynamic Blocks; while the more complex topics deal with advanced editing and construction techniques, creating local and global blocks, and setting up layers, styles and templates.

Introduction to AutoCAD LT 2007 gives students the opportunity to become familiar with the fundamental concepts and techniques of 2D drawing in the AutoCAD LT® 2007 workspace. It is a subset of the *AutoCAD LT 2007 Level 1* course. The topics covered include understanding the workspace, creating simple and precise drawings, and working with Dynamic Blocks.

"Our expert team of instructional designers and engineers are continually creating quality educational programs for new and experienced users of AutoCAD and Inventor," said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice President, PLM Operations, North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. "With over 20 years of 3D modeling experience and work with multiple 3D CAD systems, we bring a unique perspective to our products. Users of our training material get the advantage of the many techniques we've learned and developed from these other systems that can also be applied with Inventor and AutoCAD 3D. These new courses give students the necessary skills to effectively draw in 2D or 3D with minimal effort, while bringing better products to market faster."

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 five new courses this coming fall: *Inventor R11 Advanced Modeling*, *Architectural Desktop 2007 Level 2*, *Civil 3D 2007 Fundamentals for Site and Grading*, *Civil 3D 2007 Survey* and *Civil 3D 2007 Fundamentals for Designing Corridors*. 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

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