



## ASCENT LAUNCHES NEW INVENTOR R11 AND AUTOCAD 2007 COURSES

**Mississauga, ON, April 13, 2006** – RAND A Technology Corporation [TSX: RND], operating as RAND Worldwide, announced today that its division, ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge®, launched two new courseware titles, *Autodesk Inventor R11 Introduction to Modeling* and *AutoCAD 2007 Update for AutoCAD 2006 Users*.

The Autodesk *Inventor R11 Introduction to Modeling* course instructs Inventor R11 users in best usage approaches for parametric design philosophy through hands-on, practice-intensive curriculum. Users acquire the knowledge to complete the process of designing models from conceptual sketching, through to solid modeling, assembly design, and drawing production.

ASCENT's *AutoCAD 2007 Update for AutoCAD 2006 Users* concentrates on AutoCAD 2007's improved 3D tools for working with solids, surfaces, shading, and rendering. The course introduces new methods for accessing commands and viewing in 3D space. The core class focus is in the 3D Modeling Workspace where AutoCAD 2006 users will learn about the new 2007 interface visualization, creation, and 3D object modification tools. However, users also learn the basic interface changes that impact both 2D and 3D drawings in the classic AutoCAD workspace.

"ASCENT continues our commitment to provide Autodesk application users with practical methodologies to increase their knowledge quickly and easily," said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice President PLM operations, North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. "Our *Inventor R11 Introduction to Modeling* course draws upon our more than 15 years of parametric 3D solid modeling experience, to enable Inventor users to design with ease and confidence. *AutoCAD 2007 Update for AutoCAD 2006 Users* will assist AutoCAD 2006 users in transitioning to 2007 effortlessly, with full utilization of the new application features offered."

ASCENT is planning to release its first Autodesk *Vault Data Management for Inventor Users* course later this spring. 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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