



## RAND WORLDWIDE™ UPDATES SMARTEAM TRAINING WITH R16 COURSES

**Mississauga, ON, September 19, 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 it has launched SMARTEAM R16 training courses as the default revision for all public SMARTEAM training classes. Developed by RAND's ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge® division, the R16 curriculum offers enhanced course content, as well as two new training classes.

RAND's SMARTEAM R16 courses include:

- SMARTEAM: Application Administration I
- SMARTEAM: Administrator Installation
- SMARTEAM: Editor Author User Training
- SMARTEAM: Editor Consumer User Training
- SMARTEAM: SPI User Training
- SMARTEAM: Web Editor User Training
- SMARTEAM: Web Navigator User Training

“Our new SMARTEAM R16 courses offer comprehensive training, enabling administrators and users to fully implement and use SMARTEAM's data management capabilities for their organization's requirements,” said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice President PLM operations, North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. “Administrators gain the practical knowledge required to configure a complete SMARTEAM environment through our extensive hands-on exercises that simulate real-world examples.”

Two new courses have been added to RAND's custom developed SMARTEAM training curriculum: Editor Consumer User Training and Application Administration I.

The Editor Consumer User course teaches users performing read-only functions in SMARTEAM how to efficiently locate and view objects within the database. Students are introduced to data management and workflow processes, how to perform database searches, view and copy files and manage object views. This half-day class minimizes the amount of time that users need to be away from the workplace, while ensuring that relevant data management practices within SMARTEAM are covered.

The Application Administration I class provides SMARTEAM administrators with the training required to perform database administration and configuration. The course provides a detailed overview of the key interfaces and wizards used when configuring SMARTEAM into any company environment. This course also prepares students with the knowledge required for RAND's Application Administration II class developed by Dassault Systèmes.

The Web Editor User and Web Navigator User courses have been updated to include viewing objects in SMARTEAM. Students taking these courses will now also receive a Quick Reference Card. This job aid contains a summary of many of the concepts presented in the class for easy reference during and after the class.

In addition to its ASCENT developed SMARTEAM R16 curriculum, RAND also offers a variety of Dassault Systèmes developed courses including:

- SMARTEAM: Introduction to Customization
- SMARTEAM: Editor Customization
- SMARTEAM: CATIA Integration
- SMARTEAM: Prototyping
- SMARTEAM: Application Administration II

The Application Administration II course extends the students' knowledge of additional administrative options within SMARTEAM from RAND's Application Administration I course. It uses hands-on practice exercises developed by RAND's ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge®. The hands-on practice exercises use the SMARTEAM tools learned in Application Administration I and Application Administration II and are designed to represent a real-world customer application using methodologies that can be applied and referenced for other applications. Along with configuring the SMARTEAM database and settings, the hands-on practice exercises also include summaries and testing of implemented changes.

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RAND employs 50 full-time certified instructors globally and provides extensive, high-quality professional development programs for Autodesk®, Dassault Systèmes and PTC® software solutions. In addition to standard classroom training, RAND offers a variety of training solutions for CATIA V5 and SMARTEAM users, including customized training and development programs, a personalized learning service to provide users with a desk-side mentor and Knowledge Inventory Products designed to assist CATIA V5 users to identify knowledge gaps for targeted training to improve program.

In addition to its training services, RAND offers a portfolio of internally developed software products, software development and Product Lifecycle Management consulting and implementation services. For additional information about RAND Worldwide and its training and professional services, please visit <http://www.randservices.com>.

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