



ASCENT RELEASES FOUR TRAINING GUIDES FOR AUTODESK 2008 SOFTWARE

Mississauga, ON, June 19, 2007 – 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, today announced that its courseware division, ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge®, has released four updated training guides for Autodesk 2008 software:

- *AutoCAD 2008 Advanced (formerly Level 2)*
- *AutoCAD 2008 Update for AutoCAD 2005 2D Users*
- *Inventor 2008 Advanced Part Modeling*
- *Revit Architecture 2008 Fundamentals (formerly Level 1)*

“At ASCENT, we are committed to continuously evolving our courseware to best meet our clients’ changing needs and requirements,” said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice President PLM Operations, North America and Europe. “We use the feedback we receive directly from our clients to enhance our training guides and expand our course offerings. For our 2008 software releases, we have changed some of the training guide names to better reflect our clients’ learning objectives and our course content. In addition, we have realigned the content in some of our guides to now present related topics together.”

AutoCAD 2008 Advanced (formerly Level 2) is an extension of ASCENT’s *AutoCAD 2008 Fundamentals* course, launched in May 2007. It is designed to teach AutoCAD® users about the software’s more advanced functions. The training guide focuses on using advanced annotation, drawing with complex objects, and defining blocks and attributes. Other topics covered during the course include sheet set creation, layout and advanced plotting functions, external reference and image file features, as well as how to use simple customization techniques to enhance productivity.

The *AutoCAD 2008 Update for AutoCAD 2005 2D Users* covers all of the relevant changes and enhancements to AutoCAD for releases 2006, 2007, and 2008. Topics include customization, references, tables, plotting, and recovery features. The training guide focuses in-depth on the latest annotation developments, including the annotation scale, multi-leaders, and updates to multi-line text, dimensioning and tables.

Inventor 2008 Advanced Part Modeling builds on the skills users acquire from ASCENT’s recently released *Inventor 2008 Introduction to Solid Modeling* training guide. This more advanced Inventor course includes a combination of topics from ASCENT’s Inventor R11 Intermediate and Advanced courses, to provide more specific content to users who want to expand their knowledge of designing and documenting part models. The training guide concentrates on streamlining the design process by using part modeling techniques, advanced lofts, sweeps, coils, and surfaces. Students will also gain an understanding of how to create revision and hole tables and custom sketch symbols.

Revit Architecture 2008 Fundamentals (formerly Level 1) teaches students how to create full 3D architectural project models and set them up in working drawings. The guide focuses on the basic tools Revit® Architecture 2008 users require to work effectively within the software. This includes creating basic floor plans, setting up levels and grids, making design changes, and using specialty objects such as stairs, railings, ramps and curtain walls.

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 corporations.

ASCENT is planning to release its *Inventor 2008 Advanced Assembly Modeling*, *Civil 3D 2008 Fundamentals*, *Revit Architecture 2008 Intermediate*, *AutoCAD LT 2008 Essentials*, *AutoCAD Electrical 2008 Fundamentals*, *AutoCAD 2008 3D Drawing & Modeling*, and *AutoCAD 2008 Plotting & Sheet Sets* courses this summer. The company’s complete courseware lineup for Autodesk, Dassault Systèmes and PTC software solutions can be seen at www.ASCENTed.com/courseware.htm.



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