



ASCENT UPDATES CURRICULUM AND USER ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR AUTOCAD 2008 SOFTWARE

Mississauga, ON, September 20, 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®, released three updated training guides and two updated User Quizzes (“UQ’s”) for AutoCAD 2008 software:

Training Guides

- *AutoCAD Architecture 2008 Advanced*
- *AutoCAD 2008 Plotting and Sheet Sets*
- *AutoCAD 2008 3D Drawing and Modeling*

User Quizzes

- *AutoCAD 2007/2008 Fundamentals*
- *AutoCAD 2007/2008 Advanced*

“ASCENT is dedicated to providing AutoCAD users with advanced educational programs and learning tools that help them maximize AutoCAD’s functionality and in turn, achieve the highest skill levels,” said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice President PLM operations, North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. “Since they realize enhanced productivity and better design creation with ASCENT’s offerings for each new Autodesk application upgrade, our training guides and User Quizzes are an essential tool for companies and educational institutions worldwide.”

The *AutoCAD Architecture 2008 Advanced* (formerly Architectural Desktop Level 2) training guide offers advanced feature training for users who have completed ASCENT’s *AutoCAD Architecture 2008 Fundamentals* course, such as architects, structural engineers and facilities managers. Students learn to use AutoCAD Architecture 2008 to create development and construction documentation and design massing and space studies. In addition, the course provides students with greater application control by teaching them how to customize their workspace. The course also covers annotation object styles and AEC object style creation for walls, doors, windows, and curtain walls.

The second title release, *AutoCAD 2008 Plotting and Sheet Sets* is designed to help students better understand and master AutoCAD® 2008’s plotting concepts and sheet set techniques. The training guide covers layout fundamentals, as well as more advanced and specialized features, such as easily plotting all sheets in a set, automatically creating layouts for plotted sheets using sheet sets, and coordinating sheets in a multi-drawing environment.

AutoCAD 2008 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 who are moving from traditional two-dimensional drawing to 3D modeling. The course provides students with the information necessary to gain a thorough understanding of 3D fundamentals by covering topics such as creating solids and surfaces from 2D objects, editing and conversion tools for 3D elements, and using visualization and rendering tools.

ASCENT’s updated *AutoCAD 2007/2008 Fundamentals* (formerly AutoCAD Level 1) and *AutoCAD 2007/2008 Advanced* (formerly AutoCAD Level 2) UQ’s identify software knowledge gaps and effectively map training requirements to increase software proficiency and on the job productivity. The *AutoCAD 2007/2008 Fundamentals* UQ measures user knowledge of the concepts covered in ASCENT’s AutoCAD 2007 and 2008 Fundamentals courses, while the *AutoCAD 2007/2008 Advanced* UQ measures user comprehension of the topics covered in the AutoCAD 2007 and 2008 Advanced courses.

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.

This fall, ASCENT plans the continued release of its series of Civil 3D 2008 and Inventor 2008 training guides, including *Civil 3D 2008 Fundamentals*, *Civil 3D 2008 Survey*, *Civil 3D Introduction for Site Grading Plans*, *Civil 3D Introduction to Corridor Design*, *Vault 6: Data Management for Inventor Users*, and *Inventor 2008 Sheet Metal Design*. 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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