



ASCENT UPDATES CURRICULUM FOR THREE CIVIL 3D TRAINING COURSES

Mississauga, ON, October 4, 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 for Civil 3D 2008 software: *Civil 3D 2008 Fundamentals*, *Civil 3D 2008 Survey*, and *Civil 3D 2008 Introduction for Site Grading Plans*.

“Continuously enhancing application skills is essential for every civil engineer to reduce risk of error, improve data collaboration and drive faster project completion,” said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice President, PLM Operations, North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. “Our three new Civil 3D titles provide quick and thorough instruction that allows users to increase their necessary skill sets in the latest Civil 3D software release.”

The *Civil 3D 2008 Fundamentals* training guide has been significantly enhanced to include a more detailed and highly focused teaching approach. The course teaches civil engineers who are new to the Civil 3D® 2008 software environment how to use the application and its tools to create standardized civil engineering, drafting, and GIS projects. The training enables students to complete transportation, site, sewer, storm drain, and subdivision projects quickly, while using the tools to dynamically link and generate automatic design updates, which reduce costly errors. The course contains six comprehensive modules focusing on the application interface; surfaces, alignments, profiles and production tools; assemblies, corridors and sections; pipes and grading; and parcels.

Civil 3D 2008 Survey title is an extension to ASCENT’s *Civil 3D 2008 Fundamentals* course. This one-day course targets civil engineers, surveyors, and survey technicians who require further training in survey functionality and seek to gain additional familiarity within the application for data collection, traverses and adjustments and other related topics.

Civil 3D 2008 Introduction for Site Grading Plans provides two days of introductory level site grading plan instruction to new users of Civil 3D® 2008. The course is formatted in ASCENT’s newly released Project Workbook format, which is entirely exercise-based, as opposed to the company’s traditional lecture and lab formatted training guides and curriculum. The workbook assists students in learning how to develop feature lines and grading tools to create a commercial site containing a parking lot, building pad and a pond through a hands-on learning approach. The course provides an existing road area and conditions in the survey that were collected by an actual survey team.

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 a number of courses this fall including its *Vault 6: Data Management for Inventor Users* and *Civil 3D Introduction to Corridor Design* training guides later this fall. 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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