



ASCENT Launches eLearning Series for Autodesk® Software *Self-paced Online Learning Solutions*

Mississauga, ON, February 11, 2009 – RAND Worldwide, a global leader in providing technology solutions to organizations with engineering design and information technology requirements, announced today that its courseware division, ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge®, launches its eLearning series for Autodesk® software.

ASCENT's self-paced eLearning courseware offer an environmentally friendly, alternative to hard-copy training guides by providing students with online training solutions. The series is designed for use in a classroom environment or as a stand-alone self-study course. The courses encompass all features of the ASCENT Student guides and exercise CD's with drawing files for practice exercises in an online format. Additional elements include modules that can be bookmarked, searchable keywords, a certificate of completion, and three months access to the course.

“Our team of courseware developers, engineers, instructional designers, architects, and technical writers work together to create training solutions that work for our clients,” said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice-President, PLM Operations North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. “With the introduction of the ASCENT eLearning series, we are able to offer our clients the most effective course content, in a format that suits them, ensuring that users achieve maximum productivity from their chosen tools.”

Courses are available for the following topics:

- AutoCAD 2009
- AutoCAD 2008
- AutoCAD Architecture
- AutoCAD Electrical
- Auto CAD LT
- Civil 3D
- Inventor
- Revit Architecture
- Vault
- VIZ
- 3ds Max

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.

About ASCENT

ASCENT- Center for Technical Knowledge® is the leading developer of high-quality professional training, technical documentation, and knowledge products for engineering applications. ASCENT's products are used to train thousands of people in the engineering and manufacturing fields around the world each year and are developed by a multidisciplinary team of engineers, technical writers, courseware developers, and instructional designers. ASCENT is a division of RAND Worldwide. More information about the company can be found at www.ASCENTed.com.



About RAND Worldwide

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