



ASCENT Releases New Title *Civil 3D 2009 Survey Fundamentals – Field to Finish* and Updates Training Guide for AutoCAD® LT 2009 Software

Mississauga, ON, December 9, 2008 – 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®, released a new title, *Civil 3D 2009 Survey Fundamentals – Field to Finish* and has updated their training guide, *AutoCAD LT 2009 Fundamentals*.

ASCENT's new *Civil 3D 2009 Survey Fundamentals – Field to Finish* training guide has been created to equip the surveyor with the basic knowledge needed to use Civil 3D efficiently in a typical daily survey workflow, without the previously required prerequisites. From exporting data from field equipment to importing the converted data into a standardized environment in Civil 3D and utilizing the automation tools to create an Existing Condition Plan. Focus is more on styles, proper drafting techniques and also the methodology needed to create linework effectively for variables used in defining symbology, surfaces, categorizing points and importing imagery on State Plane Coordinate Systems from Google Earth.

"ASCENT recognized that surveyors have a unique use of the Civil 3D software compared to Civil Engineers," said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice-President, PLM Operations North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. "*Civil 3D 2009 Survey Fundamentals – Field to Finish* has been specifically designed to cover all a Surveyor needs to know about Civil 3D to be successful at their job."

The *AutoCAD LT 2009 Fundamentals* training guide provides new users with the skills required to successfully create 2D drawing in AutoCAD® LT. The updated 2009 version helps users understand the 2009 workspace and interface, including using the Ribbon and Menu Browser. It teaches them how to use basic drawing, editing, and viewing tools, and how to add text, hatching, and dimensions to a file. In addition, the course focuses on more advanced techniques to further refine a user's skill sets. Users learn basic more advanced editing and construction techniques, how to create local and global blocks, and set up layers, styles and templates.

Later this winter, ASCENT will release newly created training guide, *Maya 2008 Fundamentals*.

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