



ASCENT Releases Updated Training Guides for Autodesk® Vault and AutoCAD® 2009 Software

Mississauga, ON, November 4, 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 its *Vault 2009 Data Management for Inventor Users* and *AutoCAD 2009 3D Drawing and Modeling* training guides.

The *Vault 2009 Data Management for Inventor Users* training guide is intended for Autodesk® Inventor® users who need to access their design files from Autodesk® Vault 2009. This updated training guide is based on the 2008 version and highlights the functionality of the new search tool for managing files and designs. Hands-on exercises are included to reinforce how to manage the design workflow process. The guide includes eight in-depth units that teach users how to locate, view, modify, create and reuse files in Autodesk® Vault.

The *AutoCAD 2009 3D Drawing and Modeling* training guide introduces users who are proficient with AutoCAD®'s 2D commands to the concepts and methods of 3D modeling. The guide provides users with a foundation in 3D fundamentals and explores the main features of AutoCAD®'s advanced 3D workspace. The updated 2009 version of the training guide helps users understand the 2009 workspace and interface options, including using the Ribbon and Menu Browser.

“At a time where many companies are striving to improve efficiencies and reduce production costs there has never been more of a demand for data management tools,” said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice-President, PLM Operations North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. “*The Vault 2009 Data Management for Inventor Users* training guide reflects this increased need for data management tools; through a combination of content and exercises, students are taught how to manage the design workflow process using Vault 2009.”

Later this year ASCENT will release two newly created training guides. These include *Maya 2008 Fundamentals* and *Civil 3D 2009 Survey*.

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