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## **U.S. CAD Supports Autodesk Assistance Program for Displaced Workers**

***U.S. CAD works with Autodesk to provide education and resources to assist customers in remaining competitive during the down economy***

**Costa Mesa, CA, April 20, 2009** – [U.S. CAD, Inc.](#), one of the Western U.S.'s largest providers of computer-aided design (CAD) consulting, training and support services, and the region's largest Autodesk value added reseller, announced today it will participate in the [Autodesk Assistance Program](#) for displaced workers, providing education, support and tools to its customers. Today's economic challenges have impacted U.S. CAD's customers significantly and the Autodesk Assistance Program will help people to enhance, maintain and improve their 3D design technology skills to remain competitive in the marketplace.

U.S. CAD will be offering a variety of services and education programs to its design and engineering customers. Qualifying individuals will be eligible to receive:

- A free 13-month term student license of AutoCAD, Autodesk Revit Architecture, AutoCAD Inventor Professional, or AutoCAD Civil 3D software.
- Free on-demand training available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week provided online via vBooks - powered by Retrieve Technologies, Inc. (requires internet access).
- The opportunity to fill open seats in one of the following U.S. CAD classroom training classes for a nominal fee of \$300: AutoCAD Fundamentals, Revit Architecture Fundamentals, Revit Structure Fundamentals, Revit MEP Fundamentals, Autodesk Inventor Fundamentals, or AutoCAD Civil 3D Fundamentals at one of U.S. CAD's Autodesk Authorized Training Centers. Qualified individuals who take advantage of this training enjoy a savings of \$750-\$1,050 over the typical non-assistance program enrollment fees.
- The opportunity to take an Autodesk Certified Associate and Certified Professional certification exams at a discounted rate on AutoCAD, Autodesk Revit Architecture, Autodesk Inventor, or AutoCAD Civil 3D at one of U.S. CAD's Autodesk Authorized Certification Centers.

In order to be considered for the program, applicants must register at <http://www.autodesk.com/assistance> and provide information that will allow Autodesk to verify their employment status. Once accepted into the Autodesk Assistance Program, applicants may register for

one of the training classes listed above at <http://www.uscad.com/training.html> . Enrollment in the Autodesk Assistance Program, software downloads, classroom training, and certification will be available from April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Classroom training is subject to training center scheduling and availability.

“U.S. CAD’s Participation in the Autodesk Assistance Program is a great way for U.S. CAD to help displaced members of the Architecture, Engineering, and Manufacturing communities update their skills and improve their employability in a down economy,” said Danny Counts, President of U.S. CAD. “In the midst of this economic downturn, companies are retooling their processes and adopting advanced technologies in the areas of BIM, IPD, and Digital Prototyping to be more competitive today and to prepare for future growth tomorrow. They are looking for talented individuals who possess these skills and can operate these tools. By offering free access to these software applications, very low-cost access to training and the certifications to prove their skills to prospective employers, U.S. CAD is giving these displaced workers the competitive edge to gain new employment in this current job market.”

In today’s economic climate, customers need interoperable and flexible technology tools that can help them deliver projects more quickly and cost-effectively with fewer resources – advantageous both now and when the economy turns. By participating in the Autodesk Assistance Program, U.S. CAD gives displaced or out-of-work design and engineering professionals the opportunity to enhance existing skill sets, remain active in the professional community and emerge from this economic downturn stronger than they went into it.

### **About U.S. CAD**

Based in Costa Mesa, Calif., U.S. CAD, Inc. (formerly L.A. CAD) is a major provider of computer-aided design (CAD) consulting, training and support services, and Autodesk software solutions. Specializing in the civil, mechanical, architectural, building-engineering, geospatial and design visualization industries, the company provides technical expertise and customized training to deliver superior customer solutions. Customers value U.S. CAD’s quality instruction from Autodesk Approved Instructors, and its flexible training options, including modular mobile training labs. With Autodesk Authorized Training Centers (ATC) at its Costa Mesa, Los Angeles, San Diego, Las Vegas and Honolulu locations, U.S. CAD has become the Autodesk software provider of choice for many of the West’s leading CAD-related companies. For more information, visit <http://www.uscad.com> or call (877) 648-7223.

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