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Autodesk, Inc. Named Official Software Sponsor of AIA150

Sponsorship Supports Effort to Improve Communities and Design the Architecture of the Future

Washington, D.C., April 26, 2007 — The American Institute of Architects (AIA) announced today that Autodesk, Inc., the world leader in 2D and 3D design software for the manufacturing, building and construction, and media and entertainment markets, is the official software sponsor of AIA150, the 150th celebration of the AIA's 1857 founding.

The theme of AIA150 is "Celebrating the Past, Designing the Future." While the AIA150 will recognize important and historic milestones of AIA members, its primary effort is the Blueprint for America, a nationwide community service initiative that brings together AIA architects, citizens, and leaders from 156 communities to address specific needs and share in creating a vision for their current and future design priorities.

Autodesk is committed to providing AIA members with tools to experience their designs before they are built. From AutoCAD, the industry leading design and drafting software, to the Revit platform for building information modeling (BIM), Autodesk technology is helping architects design more sustainable buildings and foster creative designs for the communities of tomorrow.

"The AIA has enjoyed a strong and unique relationship with Autodesk, and over the next five years as the official software sponsor of AIA150 we will look to Autodesk to guide our membership in the ever-changing world of design technology," said AIA Executive Vice President/CEO Christine McEntee. "We are fortunate to have a dedicated partner that believes in empowering our membership to challenge traditional design and invent the architecture of the future."

"Autodesk is proud to be the official software sponsor of AIA150," said Jay Bhatt, senior vice president, Autodesk AEC Solutions. "At the heart of this partnership between our two industry leading organizations is a shared vision that technology will not only improve industry processes, but also help architects create the buildings we will need for a sustainable future."

The Autodesk sponsorship will also support a partnership with Google Earth to feature two layers of AIA150 projects: America's Favorite Architecture and Blueprint for America. These layers provide 3D images of iconic structures and community initiatives that will bring architecture to life for the public through virtual technology.



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About AIA150

Celebrating 150 years, the AIA is the premier professional organization for America's architects. The AIA150 program, "Celebrating the Past. Designing the Future," honors architects for their dedication and commitment to excellence in design and livability in our nation's buildings and communities. The cornerstone of AIA150, Blueprint for America, serves as a nationwide platform to unite architects and citizens to collaborate on their communities' design priorities. The AIA will also release its list of America's Favorite Architecture, according to a professional survey. The AIA acknowledges the important financial support of AIA150 Corporate Founders Circle contributors McGraw-Hill Construction (Official Media Sponsor) and Autodesk (Official Software Sponsor). For more information on other AIA150 news and events, including Blueprint for America, visit www.aia150.org.

Blueprint for America

Blueprint for America is the cornerstone of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) 150th Anniversary Celebration. Comprised of 156 community service projects funded by the AIA, Blueprint for America brings architects and the public together to address community needs related to design and livability. From downtown revitalization projects to affordable housing modules, Blueprint for America inspires people to think about the way architecture impacts their daily lives. Once completed, case studies from individual Blueprint projects will be compiled and shared with local officials interested in implementing similar programs in their communities. The completed piece, titled "Blueprint for America Mosaic: A Gift to the Nation," will be presented in 2008. The AIA acknowledges the important financial support of AIA150 Corporate Founders Circle contributor McGraw-Hill Construction (Official Media Sponsor) and Autodesk (Official Software Sponsor). For more information, visit www.aia150.org.

About The American Institute of Architects

For 150 years, members of The American Institute of Architects have worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings and cityscapes. AIA members have access to the right people, knowledge, and tools to create better design, and through such resources and access, they help clients and communities make their visions real. Go to www.aia.org.

About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc. is the world leader in 2D and 3D design software for the manufacturing, building and construction, and media and entertainment markets. Since its introduction of AutoCAD software in 1982, Autodesk has developed the broadest portfolio of state-of-the-art digital prototyping solutions to help customers experience their ideas before they are real. Fortune 1000 companies rely on Autodesk for the tools to visualize, simulate and analyze real-world performance early in the design process to save time and money, enhance quality and foster innovation. For additional information about Autodesk, visit www.autodesk.com.