Autodesk Unveils New Solution for Facility Managers

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Autodesk FMDesktop helps increase productivity and efficiency in everyday building maintenance and operations

SAN DIEGO, IFMA World Workplace Conference, Oct. 10 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced the launch of the Autodesk FMDesktop Product Suite, a powerful, easy-to-use software solution for facilities management. Developed by and for experienced facility managers, the Autodesk FMDesktop 7.0 suite of products, including Facility Manager, Facility Link, Facility Web and Facility Request, helps deliver the power of digital facility management through intuitive and easy-to-use features. The scalable computer-aided facility management (CAFM) suite of products was built on Autodesk's DWF platform, and, by incorporating the latest DWF viewing technologies, provides facilities managers with a simple, accurate method to create, manage and share building operating data throughout the enterprise. This is the first full version of FMDesktop launched by Autodesk, who acquired the application in January 2006 as part of the acquisition of Applied Spatial Technologies.

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Many facility operations today are still being managed through paper-based processes that include drawings and spreadsheets. Autodesk FMDesktop gives facility managers the ability to track their building operations with easy-to- use digital analysis and manipulation tools - so that tasks that once took hours of manual counting and drawing will now take only minutes with a few clicks of the mouse. By integrating drawing, asset and facility management information in a single application, Autodesk FMDesktop gives users more flexibility than stand-alone floor plans, databases or spreadsheets. Facility managers can now retrieve and edit selected data, such as floor plans, operations and maintenance requests, from any one of multiple drawings. They can also query the data and use it to display graphical or data-based reports to identify asset relationships and dynamically initiate work orders.

"Using our previous computer-aided facilities management system, there was no way to print drawings with all the cost centers highlighted. We'd have to highlight the drawings with markers-cube by cube, office by office," said Brian Angel, facility planner at Boston Scientific. "It used to take many weeks each quarter to finish it all. Now, using Autodesk FMDesktop, we can do the same thing with just a couple of mouse-clicks."

FMDesktop uses the DWF technology to link FMDesktop with Autodesk Revit Building software, Autodesk's platform built specifically for building information modeling (BIM), which extends the value of the BIM created in Revit Building from design to building operation and maintenance. The DWF technology can also be leveraged to allow building managers to easily and securely distribute floor plans and other design data into lightweight, accurate files that can easily be accessed and shared through a simple desktop application. This innovative approach allows space planners and facility managers to utilize CAD information without having to be trained on CAD software, and readily access graphical images that aid in day-to-day facilities management. Facility Managers can select and view the status of office spaces or equipment using readable drawings created in AutoCAD software or Revit Building. Autodesk FMDesktop is compatible with many industry- standard applications including AutoCAD, DWF, Microsoft Excel, Autodesk Architectural Desktop and Autodesk Revit Building.

"The Autodesk FMDesktop suite of products is the latest example of our commitment to introducing innovative solutions for new segments across the building industry" said Jay Bhatt, vice president, Autodesk Building Solutions. "We will continue to deliver new discipline-specific products that enable building professionals to leverage design data throughout the building lifecycle, from design through operation."

A Complete Portfolio of Software Solutions for the Building Industry

With the right combination of leading-edge technologies, decades of proven industry experience and unparalleled, worldwide services, Autodesk offers the most comprehensive portfolio of products for the building industry. Ranging from the most advanced technology for building information modeling to the most widely adopted design and documentation solutions, Autodesk supports information and management needs throughout the building and management lifecycle. Other Building solutions include Autodesk Revit Structure, Autodesk Revit Systems and Autodesk Building Systems.

Distribution and Availability

The product will be made widely available in the United States on October 18, 2006 through currently authorized channel partners, and is available with Autodesk Subscription.

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