



Autodesk and Architectural Data Systems Collaborate to Enhance AutoCAD Architecture Productivity

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New ADSearch Technology Gives AutoCAD Architecture 2008 Users Access to Building Product Data

SAN ANTONIO, May 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- AIA Convention -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) and Architectural Data Systems (ADS) today announced an initiative to enable users of AutoCAD Architecture 2008 software (formerly Autodesk Architectural Desktop) -- full access to ADSearch -- an extensive attribute-based building product search engine from ADS. Through the ADSearch technology, Autodesk intends to provide AutoCAD Architecture 2008 users with access to the broad array of manufacturer catalogs and can rapidly digitally search, manage, and create in-depth product lists made available by ADS.

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"We developed ADSearch to make the laborious and manual process of searching manufacturers' sites and reference materials more efficient and less time consuming," said Chuck Williams, CEO of ADS. "With this new initiative, AutoCAD Architecture users could increase productivity and simplify management of multiple data and sites to streamline workflow. We are thrilled to collaborate with an industry leader such as Autodesk."

By integrating our technologies, AutoCAD Architecture 2008 users could gain rapid electronic access to thousands of manufacturer's products: Potential benefits of this relationship include the ability to:

- * Automatically capture and store selected data in the user's spec sheets until the user decides how, what and when to save based on specific traits the user requested for the design
- * Integrate AutoCAD Architecture 2008 with product selection and spec writing
- * Allow product-to-product search capabilities in one search result

"Through our collaboration with ADS, hundreds of thousands of AutoCAD Architecture users could access an extensive library of manufacturer catalogs," said Phil Bernstein, vice president of industry strategy and relations, Autodesk AEC Solutions. "This is the latest example of our ongoing commitment to supporting established industry processes and the large AutoCAD Architecture community."

About Architectural Data Systems (ADS)

ADS is a leading provider of online document production tools and solutions; designed by architects for architects. ADS offers a menu of revolutionary product and service solutions that encapsulate a suite of electronic productivity tools designed to allow the user to bridge the gap between traditional practice and newer ways of working and thinking. ADS software automates the specification process by allowing architects to select attributes of products and materials through a menu-driven system. For more information about ADS visit: www.architecturaldatasystems.com.

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.

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