



Autodesk Assistance Program Expands to Europe

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Displaced Workers Worldwide Now Accessing Free Autodesk Design Products and Online Training

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., July 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- With nearly 7,000 participants in North America, and more than 8,000 product downloads to date, the Autodesk Assistance Program is now available in Europe. Launched in North America in April, the program was designed to help displaced workers in the architecture, engineering, design and manufacturing industries maintain and develop their 3D design technology skills and help improve their employability in a down economy.

"Overwhelmingly positive feedback from customers and partners has shown us that the Autodesk Assistance Program is not just of domestic interest," said Ken Bado, executive vice president of sales and services at Autodesk. "We're proud to expand the program globally in response to the challenging worldwide economic climate in hopes that design professionals around the globe will stay competitive and emerge from this crisis in a better place than they started."

The program is now available in Northern Europe, and will continue to roll out to the rest of Europe, Mexico and Brazil over the next few months. For more information about the Autodesk Assistance Program, please contact your local reseller, contact Autodesk directly at assistance@autodesk.com or visit www.autodesk.com/assistanceprogram.

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