



## Mazzetti & Associates Adopts Autodesk Building Design Solution for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Engineers

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### Autodesk Building Systems 2004 Selected Over Competitor for Increased Productivity, Accuracy and Drawing Coordination

Mazzetti & Associates (M&A), an award-winning full-service engineering firm specializing in technically complex projects, has chosen Autodesk(R) Building Systems 2004 software to replace its existing design and drafting system. After an evaluation of competitive products, M&A decided to expand its relationship with Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq:ADSK), the world's leading design software and digital content company. M&A determined that Autodesk's combination of software, service, support and subscription would best meet its business and engineering requirements. With the implementation of Autodesk Building Systems 2004, M&A expects to increase productivity by improving design techniques and utilizing features such as 3D modeling, automated schedule builders and suggested layout paths. Training and implementation support included in the solution from Autodesk Professional Services allowed M&A to efficiently deploy the software and enabled users to rapidly become proficient. Additionally, Autodesk Building Systems 2004 provides a platform that enables M&A to efficiently work with other firms involved in the design process.

"We needed a solution that allows us to easily collaborate with our architectural partners," said James Espinoza, CAD manager at Mazzetti & Associates. "Autodesk Building Systems provides the best solution for coordinating engineering and architectural design by eliminating mismatched backgrounds and identifying interferences."

Mazzetti & Associates is known for its engineering design of complex healthcare, mission-critical and research laboratory projects, and it anticipates reducing design time on these building types by using intelligent engineering objects. These objects provide the ability to lay out systems accurately the first time that automatically respond and resize upon modification. M&A is already using Autodesk Building Systems 2004 on a 400,000-square-foot healthcare campus that includes a new hospital, a major renovation of the existing building, and a new facilities plant. M&A has witnessed productivity gains by using the suggested layout path tool that helps engineers quickly design duct, pipe, cable tray and conduit. Further productivity is gained when engineers produce schedules dynamically linked to the building model.

#### Autodesk Professional Services Speeds Deployment

Mazzetti & Associates' short timetable for deploying Autodesk Building Systems 2004 required an aggressive rollout program. In order to meet this timeframe, M&A engaged Autodesk Professional Services as part of the solution to quickly implement Building Systems 2004. Professional Services tailored the Autodesk Building Systems Quick Start service to meet M&A's specific budget and needs, and they delivered a package that included a process assessment to document M&A's current CAD process, technology requirements, as well as a definition of the objectives and criteria for success. Professional Services also delivered customization and development work, installation and setup, and training and mentoring to a select group of power users.

"Autodesk Professional Services offered valuable expertise to help educate our team and speed deployment time," said Espinoza. "With their assistance, we have secured a successful implementation of Autodesk Building Systems on our first projects and we look forward to continued success as the product is rolled out to the rest of the company."

Mazzetti & Associates also benefits from Autodesk's subscription program. As a member of the program, M&A will be able to take advantage of upgrades and product enhancements available only to subscription members. Autodesk(R) Subscription is the most efficient way for Autodesk customers to stay current with the latest design technology and to benefit from simplified software management and easy budgeting.

#### About Mazzetti & Associates

Mazzetti & Associates is a mechanical, electrical, plumbing and communications consulting and engineering design firm. Headquartered in San Francisco with branch offices in Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Jose and Minneapolis, M&A currently has more than 100 professionals to serve their clients' needs. M&A's practice focuses on technically complex projects and sustainable design, with a diverse portfolio of healthcare, pharmaceutical/biotechnology, mission-critical, commercial, research and development, airports, libraries, museums, industrial process, and historic facilities. Visit [www.mazzetti.com](http://www.mazzetti.com) for more information about the firm.

#### About Autodesk

Autodesk is the world's leading design software and digital content company, offering customers progressive business solutions through powerful technology products and services. Autodesk helps customers in the building, manufacturing, infrastructure, digital media, and wireless data services fields increase the value of their digital design data and improve efficiencies across their entire project lifecycle management processes. For more information about the company, see <http://www.autodesk.com>. For more information on building information modeling and Autodesk's building design solutions, see <http://www.autodesk.com/buildingdesign>.

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