



Hillier Deploys Building Information Modeling Platform to Enhance Design Process for All Building Types

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Leading Architecture and Planning Firm Adopts Autodesk Revit Enterprise-wide for Improved Delivery of Client Services

Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq:ADSK), the world's leading design and digital content creation company, today announced that The Hillier Group, an architecture, planning, and design firm headquartered in Princeton, New Jersey, has purchased 75 licenses of Autodesk(R) Revit(R) building information modeling software for use in its six offices nationwide. By employing the powerful Revit building design and documentation system, Hillier expects to provide higher quality services to its diverse owner/developer client mix while forging better partnerships with builders and consultants. Hillier anticipates that Autodesk's building information modeling strategy will result in increased productivity, improved design quality, and eventually lower project costs. Microsol of New York City was the computer reseller who worked with Autodesk and Hillier on this transaction.

"We've been waiting for 20 years for a design solution like this," said James Greenberg, AIA, principal and chief information officer for Hillier. "Revit puts us ahead of the curve in delivering better coordinated design documents to our clients. There's also the potential to create a dramatic paradigm shift in the industry that will ultimately improve overall building performance."

Choice of Autodesk Revit

An adopter of CAD in the early 1980s, Hillier is convinced that the building information modeling platform will improve design process across the firm's eclectic range of projects—including academic facilities, medical centers, museums, corporate headquarters, aquariums, hotels, restaurants, and shopping centers. Hillier was introduced to parametric design tools at the AEC Systems conference in 1997, where the first parametric modeling engines were demonstrated. When Hillier conducted its comprehensive five-year technology plan three years ago, the firm became interested in moving to parametric change management capabilities when the technology evolved.

"After Autodesk acquired Revit Technology Corporation, we became very excited," said Greenberg, "because we knew we could now take building information modeling seriously." After completing a few test projects in Revit and evaluating competitive solutions, Hillier decided that Autodesk Revit offered the best platform.

"The leadership in technology adoption shown by Hillier is instrumental in realizing the value of building information modeling industry-wide," said Phil Bernstein, FAIA, vice president of Autodesk's Building Solutions Division. "Firms who have chosen this new platform are already experiencing its benefits in their practice and their building projects nationwide."

About The Hillier Group

Hillier, one of the country's largest architecture firms, provides services in architecture, interior architecture, strategic facilities planning, historic preservation, urban design, graphic design and land planning. Through a network of offices in Princeton and Newark, NJ, Philadelphia, New York, Washington, DC, and Dallas, the firm serves clients worldwide. Recent landmark projects include the Glaxo SmithKline global headquarters in London, the Sprint headquarters in Overland Park, KS, Lincoln Cottage in Washington, DC, Duke University Center for Human Genetics in Durham, NC, the St. Louis Public Library and the City of Newark Public Library and schools globally for gifted children.

About Autodesk

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