



Autodesk Co-sponsoring Workshop at ACSM/FIG 2002 on LandXML in Federal Highway Administration's IHDSM and AASHTOWare Projects

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Workshop Focuses on LandXML's Role in Improving Road and Highway

Design and Safety; Includes Demonstrations, Training, and Open

Discussions on the LandXML Schema

Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq:ADSK), the world's leading design software and digital content company, is co-sponsoring a one-day workshop with LandXML.org at the ACSM/FIG Conference to examine how road and highway safety can be improved and the role of LandXML in that process. LandXML is a specialized XML data exchange standard for the land development, civil engineering, and transportation design industry.

Hosted by the Federal Highway Administration, the workshop will examine LandXML's use in the Interactive Highway Design Safety Model (IHDSM) and its benefits to roadway projects managed by the American Association of Street and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The workshop will also include training and software demonstrations and will examine the LandXML software development kit. Below is the time and location of the workshop:

When: April 25, 2002
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Eastern
Where: ACSM/FIG Conference
Washington, D.C.
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Room `Delaware A`

Registration is not required for the workshop, but seating is limited. To reserve a seat, email nathan.crews@autodesk.com.

Data Across the Workflow

Sharing surveying and engineering design data across a transportation project with colleagues, clients, and partners is essential to civil engineering. Until recently, however, proprietary vendor formats essentially meant that everybody on a project had to use the same software or recreate information in a compatible format. This reduced customer choices, excluded participation in projects, and limited the potential uses and value of the data.

In 1999, Autodesk and the Engineering and Survey Exchange (EAS-E) initiative members started LandXML as an industry-driven data exchange standard specific to the needs of civil engineers and surveyors. The LandXML schema was initially derived from the EAS-E format. Further development is being driven by LandXML.org, a global, open working group of over 130 civil engineering professionals in 80 private and public organizations in Brazil, Egypt, France, India, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, the United States, and Vietnam.

For more information on LandXML and LandXML.org, visit www.landxml.org. For more information on the workshop, visit www.landxml.org/events.htm.

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