

Autodesk Unveils Geospatial Solution Bundle With Autodesk's Powerful GIS Products and Google Earth Pro for Government Customers

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Combines Autodesk's Capabilities for Precision Content Creation, Management

and Collaboration with Google Earth Pro's Reach and Ease of Use

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced the availability of a new government geospatial bundle that combines Autodesk's powerful GIS products with Google Earth Pro; empowering business users to leverage highly technical spatial data via an intuitive and easy-to-use interface. The bundle is called the Autodesk Government Geospatial Solution with Google Earth Pro, and is available on the General Services Administration's (GSA) Schedule 70.

"Incorporating Google Earth Pro into our Autodesk Government Geospatial Solution creates a complete workflow for government agencies," said Dave Rhodes, vice president of Autodesk Government. "The powerful combination enables professional GIS staff to more easily share complex, precision data with a wide audience of non-technical colleagues and partners that need to leverage that data in a variety of geospatially-enabled business projects."

The combined package enables both professional and technical users to create, manage, share and visualize an integrated data environment that combines highly accurate and precise geospatial data with the imaging and search capabilities from Google Earth Pro. Using the Autodesk Government Geospatial Solution with Google Earth Pro, government agencies can now make rich and detailed global data readily accessible to non-engineering users who can easily use and share the information.

The comprehensive nature of this bundle supports the increasingly widespread adoption of GIS technology by virtually all government business users. As noted in the Federal Enterprise Architecture Geospatial Profile, published earlier this year, "Twenty [Federal] lines of business (63% of the total) are identified as having primary geospatial elements. In the "Services for Citizens" lines of business, 74% are identified as having geospatial as a primary element." The profile goes on to state "The most accurate and up-to-date [GIS] data are data that are collected, maintained and used locally."

"The addition of Geospatial as a new line of business in the FY07 Federal Budget has brought increased focus on GIS applications by a broader spectrum of government users-from business professionals to engineers," said Juliana Slye, director of Autodesk Government. "The powerful combination of geospatial technology made available in this solution delivers usable content to meet an increasingly diverse set of user requirements, and shows the power of what an integrated, non-proprietary solution built on standards can deliver to the government enterprise."

The Autodesk Government Geospatial Solution with Google Earth Pro is available exclusively to government agencies through DLT Solutions, Inc., the Autodesk Master Government Reseller.

It includes the following core software applications:

Autodesk Map 3D 2007 -- Delivers practical mapping functionality to engineers and geospatial professionals for integrating CAD (computer-aided design) and GIS (geographic information system) information.

Autodesk Raster Design 2007 -- Provides the ability to visualize and manage raster images, including georeferenced image files, aerial photographs, digital elevation models in an integrated environment.

Autodesk MapGuide Enterprise(R) 2007 -- Enables technical workgroups to quickly and easily create HTML-based applications that integrate numerous GIS live datasets. You can also use MapGuide to publish all your Autodesk, Intergraph and ESRI geospatial content for viewing in Google Earth Pro.

Google Earth Pro -- Provides maximum ease of use for business users who require access to a blend of spatial data and integrates full-earth datasets with robust, highly detailed datasets from a variety of sources.

Agency technical staff can use Autodesk Map 3D and Raster Design to create, aggregate and edit precision GIS datasets. These datasets can then be accessed via the web by Autodesk MapGuide, which can either publish to HTML or KML via beta plug-in software available for free download at the company's Autodesk Labs Web site. Non-technical agency personnel, using Google Earth Pro, can then access the precision datasets quickly and easily and leverage them in an easy-to-use, flexible fashion to support their agency business objectives. In addition, Google Earth Pro enables the agency business users to marry the internal agency GIS data with the rich external data in Google Earth Pro.

"Google Earth Pro brings global geographic information to decision makers of all roles and expertise levels," said Rob Painter, Senior Federal Sales Manager, Google enterprise geo products. "Bundling Google Earth Pro with Autodesk geospatial solutions now brings entirely new layers of rich data and customized detail to the full spectrum of government users, helping them to create, manage, share and visualize a more complete project picture."

More information on the Autodesk Government Geospatial Solution with Google Earth Pro can be found here: http://www.autodeskgovernment.com .

About Autodesk Government

Autodesk Government is a dedicated organization within Autodesk that has served the needs of federal and state/local government agencies for more than 20 years. Autodesk Government delivers software solutions that integrate geospatial, manufacturing, design and engineering data with other critical information to reduce the time it takes to make informed decisions. In roles that include emergency response management, physical infrastructure design and protection, mission rehearsal, simulation and training, and asset tracking, Autodesk Government is a trusted partner to help agencies ensure mission success.

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