

Autodesk Partners with Clinton Climate Initiative to Provide Technology to Help Build More Sustainable Cities

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SAN RAFAEL, Calif. and SEOUL, Korea, May 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- At the Seoul C40 Large Cities Climate Summit 2009, Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK), a world leader in 2D and 3D design and engineering software, today announced it is partnering with the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI), a project of the William J. Clinton Foundation, to provide visualization technology for Project Two Degrees (www.project2degrees.org). Project Two Degrees is an Internet-based application that provides cities with a set of tools to measure, compare, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at a local level.

Autodesk is joining CCI and Microsoft Corporation to help sponsor the Project Two Degrees initiative. The sponsors, working with Project Two Degrees stakeholders--including ICLEI, Ascentium Corporation, and the Center for Neighborhood Technology--are developing the Project Two Degrees emissions tracking software. The project's Web-based software enables cities to calculate the carbon footprint of both municipal operations and the communities they service in a uniform way. Additionally, Project Two Degrees enables cities to plan meaningful actions that save energy and money and that make a profound impact in the fight against climate change. In the initial pilot phase, participants in the C40, a group of the world's largest cities committed to tackling climate change, will be the first to be invited to use the Project Two Degrees emissions tracking software.

"One of the most significant contributions Autodesk can make to address global sustainability issues is to provide the citizens of the world--through collaboration with our customers--with state-of-the-art design, visualization, and simulation tools for sustainable design," said Jay Bhatt, Autodesk senior vice president for AEC Solutions. "By helping customers better understand the environmental impact of their designs early in the design process, they can make smarter, more sustainable decisions and reduce their carbon footprints. We are pleased to partner with the Clinton Climate Initiative on Project Two Degrees and to support its mission of making a difference in the global fight against climate change in measurable and significant ways."

"We welcome the important contribution Autodesk is making to help build more sustainable cities by providing the digital mapping tools for Project Two Degrees," said Ira C. Magaziner, Chairman of the Clinton Climate Initiative. "Many of the world's cities have made public pledges to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Project Two Degrees provides them with a common platform for measurement of emissions reductions and exchange of best practices."

"Autodesk is a world leader in design innovation technologies and we are looking forward to working with them to help CCI build more sustainable cities," said Rob Bernard, Microsoft chief environmental strategist. "Through our collaboration in Project Two Degrees, we are dedicated to providing cities around the world with the software tools and support they need to measure and reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

Autodesk will provide the technology--initially based on Autodesk MapGuide Enterprise--that will act as the model-based visualization environment used to view, evaluate and compare the results of analysis and monitoring in the C40 city. Autodesk MapGuide Enterprise software is a powerful mapping solution for delivering information more quickly, easily, and cost-effectively via the web.

To complement Project Two Degrees tools, Autodesk also provides building performance analysis tools to help cities take meaningful actions in curbing local and regional impacts from climate change, and can help save money, conserve energy, and track tangible progress.

For more information about Project Two Degrees technology, please visit www.project2degrees.org

For more information about Autodesk sustainability initiative, please visit: www.autodesk.com/green

About the Clinton Climate Initiative

The William J. Clinton Foundation launched the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) to create and advance solutions to the core issues driving climate change. Working with governments and businesses around the world to tailor local solutions that are economically and environmentally sustainable, CCI focuses on three strategic program areas: increasing energy efficiency in cities, catalyzing the large-scale supply of clean energy, and working to measure and value the carbon absorbed by forests. In each of these programs, CCI uses a holistic approach to address the major sources of greenhouse gas emissions and the people, policies, and practices that impact them. CCI serves as the action arm of the C40, an association of large cities around the world that have pledged to accelerate their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and of which New York is a member. To learn more about the work of the Clinton Climate Initiative and the William J. Clinton Foundation, please visit www.clintonfoundation.org

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