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Autodesk Announces Eight More 'Citrix Ready' Verified Applications

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Several Applications in Autodesk's New Building and Infrastructure Design Suites Take Advantage of Citrix Networking and Virtualization Solutions

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Autodesk, Inc. (NASDAQ: ADSK), a leader in 3D design, engineering and entertainment software, announced that eight design software products including AutoCAD 2012, AutoCAD Architecture 2012, AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise, AutoCAD Mechanical 2012, AutoCAD MEP 2012, Autodesk Revit Architecture 2012, Autodesk Revit Structure 2012and Autodesk Revit MEP 2012 software have been verified as Citrix Ready*.

Autodesk became a member of the Citrix Ready program in 2008 with AutoCAD Map 3D and AutoCAD Raster Design. The Citrix Ready program helps customers identify third-party solutions recommended to enhance virtualization, networking and cloud computing solutions from Citrix Systems, Inc. Autodesk completed a rigorous verification process to ensure compatibility with Citrix XenApp 5 and Citrix XenApp 6, enhancing confidence in joint solution compatibility.

"As a member of the Citrix Ready program, we are better able to offer customers more intelligent solutions that combine our leading 3D design software with the Citrix XenApp product line," said Robert Vizza, director of Strategic Alliances at Autodesk. "Since joining the Citrix Alliance Program in 2008, Autodesk customers have enjoyed the benefits of Citrix Ready solutions, which include centralized management of data and resources, reduced client hardware requirements and support costs, and consolidation of servers. Our nine Citrix Ready software offerings demonstrate our continued collaboration with partners to provide the highest-quality experience for our customers."

Hosting Autodesk applications through Citrix XenApp provides users with the benefits of centralized computing (improved software deployment, configuration standardization, work-in-progress data distribution), as well as mobile computing, extending the reach of design data beyond the desk.

"Nearly every HOK project requires staff from multiple offices to collaborate on the same Revit model," said John Bartolomi, vice president and director of IT Services at HOK. "All previous attempts to enable this type of collaboration presented challenges and unsatisfactory results. Running Revit over Citrix has solved a problem that seemed unsolvable just a few years ago. It provides a near desktop-like experience over rather modest bandwidth even over long distances. The Revit 2012 for Citrix is further optimized to take advantage of this great technology."

The new Citrix Ready offerings complement Autodesk's software and services direction by providing a remoting mechanism for some of the company's most popular design applications. Autodesk software that supports both Citrix XenApp 5 and XenApp 6 includes AutoCAD 2012, AutoCAD Architecture 2012, AutoCAD Map 3D, AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise, AutoCAD Mechanical 2012 and AutoCAD MEP 2012 software. Autodesk Revit Architecture 2012, Revit Structure 2012 and Revit MEP 2012 software support Citrix XenApp 6 only.

"There is a clear advantage to our mutual customers to have additional Autodesk applications join us in the Citrix Ready program," said Matt Lull, senior director, global strategic alliances at Citrix. "Citrix Ready makes it easier for customers to select the most suitable virtualization infrastructure products for their specific needs. By verifying additional products in our program, Autodesk continues to enable its customers to obtain the highest quality user experience available today, and the simplest means for making an informed product purchasing selection."

About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc., is a leader in 3D design, engineering and entertainment software. Customers across the manufacturing, architecture, building, construction, and media and entertainment industries -- including the last 16 Academy Award winners for Best Visual Effects -- use Autodesk software to design, visualize and simulate their ideas. Since its introduction of AutoCAD software in 1982, Autodesk continues to develop the broadest portfolio of state-of-the-art software for global markets. For additional information about, visit www.autodesk.com.

About the Citrix Ready Program

The Citrix Ready program identifies verified solutions that are trusted to enhance virtualization, networking and cloud computing solutions from Citrix, including Citrix XenDesktop, XenApp, XenServer, NetScaler and GoToMeeting. The Citrix Ready designation is awarded to third-party products that have successfully met verification criteria set by Citrix, and gives customers an added confidence in the compatibility of the joint solution offering. The Citrix Ready program leverages industry-leading alliances across the Citrix partner eco-system to meet a wide variety customer needs, and currently incorporates over 2,800 partners who have demonstrated more than 18,000 product verifications. It also includes the Citrix Ready Community Verified program which allows customers to see thousands of products that have been verified by other customers to work in their production environments. The Citrix Ready program received the Alliance Excellence Award from the Association of Strategic Alliance Professionals (ASAP) for creating a strong community through implementation of new, innovative best practices. More information about the can be found at www.citrix.com/citrixready. Reach Citrix Ready using social media via the Citrix Ready blog site and Twitter.

The Citrix application is network-based, and performance of Autodesk Citrix Ready Applications may vary with network performance. The software does not include the Citrix application, nor does Autodesk provide direct support for issues with the Citrix application. Users should contact Citrix directly with questions related to procurement and operation of the Citrix application.

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