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Spanish Ministry Collaborates with Autodesk to Train Students and Faculty

Agreement to Provide Education Software Suites for Entertainment Creation will be Part of Training in 19 Universities throughout Spain

SAN RAFAEL, April 6, 2010 — [Autodesk, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: ADSK), a world leader in 2D and [3D design](#), engineering and entertainment software, has signed an agreement with the Spanish Ministerio de Industria, Turismo y Comercio (Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade) to provide [Autodesk Education Suites for Entertainment Creation](#) to enable more focused training in 3D modeling, animation and rendering for faculty and students in 19 universities throughout Spain.

As the demand for skilled computer graphics users continues to rise, Spain is looking to increase the capabilities of its university graduates. The Spanish ministry worked with Autodesk to help identify the appropriate software to meet its goals. After researching the local games market, pipeline requirements and academic programs throughout Europe, Autodesk recommended that the universities implement the Autodesk Education Suite for Entertainment Creation.

The Suite gives students and faculty access to [Autodesk 3ds Max](#), [Autodesk Maya](#), [Autodesk Softimage](#), [Autodesk MotionBuilder](#), [Autodesk Mudbox](#) and [Autodesk SketchBook Pro](#) software, enabling aspiring film, television, games and visual effects artists to use the same technology used by professionals around the world. As part of the arrangement, Autodesk will provide a training course for teachers at the universities, bringing them up to speed on the products' capabilities.

"We're honored to be chosen by the Spanish Spanish Ministerio de Industria, Turismo y Comercio, to help take their students to the next level of computer graphics education," said Joe Astroth, Ph.D., Autodesk chief education officer.

About the Spanish Spanish Ministerio de Industria, Turismo y Comercio

The ministry is part of Spain's Department of General Administration of State, responsible for proposing and implementing government policy on development and industrial innovation, trade, small and medium enterprises, energy and mining, tourism, telecommunications, audiovisual and development of an information society.

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