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Island Training co-founder to speak at Atlanta Rational User Group

Durham, N.C. - Jim Herron, co-founder of Island Training Solutions, Inc., will be speaking to the Atlanta Rational user group on August 11, 2005. Island Training is a Durham, N.C. based company that provides hands-on training for IBM® Rational® software tools. User groups are independent, user-run organizations that provide an open forum to promote information exchange between customers and Rational staff. There are over 60 user groups around the world, comprising over 3000 individual users.

The speech is titled *Introduction to ClearQuest, a Hands-on Workshop*. Herron will be conducting exercises that will allow participants to better understand IBM Rational ClearQuest®. These exercises will include creating and modifying queries and charts, using reports, new record submission, state transition and modification actions. The presentation will conclude with a discussion on ClearQuest customization capabilities.

ClearQuest enables better insight, predictability and control of the software development process. ClearQuest helps to automate and enforce development processes, manage issues throughout the project life cycle and facilitate communication between all stakeholders across the enterprise. Project status, workload and issues including defect submissions and enhancement requests can be easily monitored and prioritized through queries, charts and reporting capabilities. Integrating Rational ClearCase® and IBM SCLM for z/OS, ClearQuest provides a single point of control for enterprise change management.

Herron is a 30-year veteran of the software development industry. He joined startup Atria Software as a member of the initial ClearCase development team in 1991. In 1997, Herron left Rational (formerly Atria) to join startup Lexington Software Associates, where he provided high-level planning and assessment for ClearCase implementation teams. Since co-founding Island Training in 1999, He has overseen the development of over twenty-five Rational tool courses and developed curricula for highly customized environments in the US and Europe.

About Island Training

Island Training Solutions provides hands-on training for IBM Rational software tools. Co-founded in 1999 by a member of the original ClearCase development team and a technical training professional, Island Training offers a unique approach to teaching complex software products. By combining a modular training strategy with proprietary tools that support on-demand production of course materials and mobile lab setup, Island Training delivers a flexible training strategy that meets the specific needs of each client. More information about Island Training is available at <http://www.islandtraining.com>.

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