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Chicagoland Rational user group and Island Training offer free RequisitePro® workshop

Durham, N.C. - Jim Herron, co-founder of Island Training Solutions, Inc., will address the Chicagoland Rational Users Group on March 3, 2006. 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 hands-on workshop is titled *Introduction to RequisitePro*. Attendees will participate in exercises using Island Training's mobile lab. The workshop will include a discussion of ReqPro capabilities and a question and answer period. The presentation will be held from 12:30 – 4:30 pm in the IBM Technical Exploration Center.

Rational RequisitePro is a requirements and use case management tool for project teams who want to improve the communication of project goals, enhance collaborative development, reduce project risk and increase the quality of applications before deployment. RequisitePro uses advanced integration with Microsoft® Word to provide a familiar environment for activities such as requirements definition and organization. It incorporates a powerful database infrastructure with real-time Word document synchronization to facilitate requirements organization, integration and analysis.

The workshop is free. To register, visit <http://www.rational-ug.org/groups.php?groupid=44>, and email Glenn Stout at gstout@reveregroup.com with any questions.

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 fifty 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 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. Combining a modular strategy with their mobile training labs and on-demand production of course materials, Island Training delivers programs that meet the specific needs of each client. Hybrid classes, which allow an instructor to lead traditional classroom training at an onsite facility while simultaneously teaching remote students in a virtual classroom, are now available for the full curriculum. More information about Island Training is available at <http://www.islandtraining.com>.

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