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President of Island Training to present two workshops for the North Florida Rational User Group

Durham, N.C. - Jim Herron, President of Island Training Solutions, Inc., will be speaking to the North Florida Rational user group on December 13, 2005 in Jacksonville, FL at the University of North Florida. 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 first presentation is titled Introduction to ClearQuest, a Hands-on Workshop. Participants will gain a better understanding of IBM Rational ClearQuest® through a number of exercises using Island Training's mobile lab. The workshop will conclude with a discussion on ClearQuest customization capabilities and a question and answer period. The presentation will be held from 1:00 – 5:00 pm in the UNF Board of Trustees Conference room.

The second presentation is titled Introduction to RequisitePro: A Hands-on Workshop. Attendees will participate in exercises, a discussion of ReqPro and a question and answer period. This presentation will be held from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in the UNF Board of Trustees Conference room.

Both workshops are free. To register, visit <http://rational.ug.org/groups.php?groupid=8>, and email Richard.Saulsgiver@bcbsfl.com with any questions.

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.

Rational RequisitePro solution 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.

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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