

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Island Training awarded training contract from the USDA Graduate School**

*Durham, N.C.* – Island Training, a Durham, NC, a woman-owned small business that provides hands-on training for IBM® Rational® software tools, has been awarded a training contract by the USDA Graduate School. The Graduate School specializes in offering career-related and continuing education courses to professionals and federal, state and local employees throughout the country.

Island Training will deliver customized onsite courses utilizing its mobile lab. Remote and hybrid training also is available for all courses offered through the USDA Graduate School.

“Through the use of our remote and hybrid training, students can participate in real-time classes with minimal disruption of their work schedules and no travel costs,” said Jim Herron, co-founder of Island Training.

#### **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>.

#### **About USDA Graduate School**

A pioneer in continuing education since 1921, the Graduate School enrolls 150,000 students in nearly 1,000 courses each year. It offers career-related training and continuing education courses to professionals, as well as federal, state and local employees throughout the country. Although associated with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Graduate School is self-sustaining and receives no federal funds.

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