



## Acentech's Systems Group is "Revit Ready"

*AV/IT consultants receive 3D software training to facilitate projects with architects*

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – November 9, 2010** – Acentech Inc., a nationally recognized multi-disciplinary acoustics, audiovisual systems design, and vibration consulting firm, announced today that consultants in its Systems group who specialize in audiovisual and information technology consulting have been trained on Autodesk Revit Architecture, the 3D building information modeling (BIM) software used by architects and designers.

Acentech's Systems group in the Cambridge, Massachusetts, Trevese, Pennsylvania, and Westlake Village, California offices recently received comprehensive Revit training from Microdesk, an Autodesk Revit partner. Microdesk provided a four-day onsite training session tailored to meet Acentech's workflow through all phases of project work with its architectural partners. Acentech consultants have continued their training by forming a Revit committee that is charged with developing comprehensive standards, drafting protocols for working with architect clients, and building an extensive family of objects that dramatically affect the architecture of a space (such as projection screens, projectors, loudspeakers, and wall boxes) for insertion into Revit models. Acentech consultants also share their experiences with each other by discussing Revit-based projects the firm has completed including the University of Massachusetts Sherman Center in Amherst, Massachusetts; McCoy Federal Building in Jackson, Mississippi; the University of Notre Dame Stayer Center in South Bend, Indiana; and Bucks County Court House in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

In an effort to reduce project cost while increasing building sustainability, many of Acentech's clients, especially educational, corporate, and health care institutions, are requesting that their projects be designed using BIM. To meet this demand, architects are adopting Revit as their primary design/database platform, and they are eager to hire consultants that can seamlessly work with them on Revit projects to reduce costs and increase efficiency.

"Acentech recognizes that building information modeling is rapidly becoming the design tool of choice, and we have made this investment in Revit training and high speed workstations to enhance our work with architects and designers," said Richard Closs, director of the Systems group at Acentech. "By training our staff in Revit, Acentech consultants can help an architect by competently partnering with them as the Revit database is built. Our work with the architect on the model greatly reduces their workload and production costs that are associated with the architectural design process."

Architectural clients have indicated to Acentech that working with consultants who have not moved to the Revit platform increases their workload and costs. If the consultant does not use Revit, the architect must take a 3D model, and at his or her own expense, develop a 2D drawing to accommodate the non-Revit consultant. The consultant's 2D work then needs to be added back to the 3D model, adding work and expense that cannot be recouped from the client. With ten Revit workstations, Acentech's Systems group is Revit trained, experienced, and staffed to meet an architect's project needs.

**About Acentech**

Acentech Inc. is a multi-disciplinary acoustics, audiovisual systems design, and vibration consulting firm providing a wide range of services to a diverse group of clients. With offices in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Treose, Pennsylvania; and Westlake Village, California, the company's professional staff of more than 50 consultants has broad and deep expertise in acoustics and audiovisual systems design consulting. Having celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2008, Acentech is one of the oldest and largest organizations of its type: an unequaled resource to engineers, architects, and designers worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.acentech.com](http://www.acentech.com).