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**DATA CAD LLC to Debut DataCAD® 8 for Windows® 95/NT™ at Build Boston**

Avon, CT 06001 -- November 17, 1997 -- DATA CAD LLC will preview DataCAD 8 for Windows 95/NT in booth #737 at Build Boston '97 held at the World Trade Center in Boston, MA, November 18-20, 1997.

DataCAD 8 is the first Windows 95/NT release of the popular architectural/engineering/construction (AEC) software used by over 180,000 design and building professionals worldwide. DataCAD 8 is scheduled for release in March 1998.

“DataCAD focuses on ‘the basics’ of AEC automation--the tasks that architects and builders spend 50-70% of their time doing,” said Mark Madura, president of DATA CAD LLC. “Our customers cite DataCAD’s ease-of-use and ability to quickly create production drawings as the product’s strong suit. With this in mind, DataCAD 8 for Windows 95/NT features the familiar DataCAD for DOS menus, icons and hot keys for a smooth transition to the Windows platform.”

“At an introductory price of \$495, DataCAD 8 provides high-end CADD capabilities at a business software price for architects and other AEC professionals. This is NOT a ‘light’, entry-level product. DataCAD’s powerful 2D/3D CADD toolset is comparable to competitive products at ten times the price. With more than 180,000 users worldwide and counting, DataCAD continues to deliver price-performing CADD for the design/build desktop.”

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## **Highlights of DataCAD 8**

DataCAD 8 features improved online documentation and is fully compatible, sharing the same drawing files, templates, symbols, fonts, line types, and hatch patterns. DataCAD 8 reads DataCAD 4, 5, 6 and 7 files, and supports bi-directional DXF/DWG file translators.

DataCAD 8 for Windows 95/NT offers clipboard support for compatibility with popular graphic file formats, which are particularly useful for marketing, technical illustration and documentation. CADD images can be copied to the Windows 95/NT clipboard for use with other Windows programs such as word processing and graphic software.

A true 32-bit Windows 95/NT, DataCAD 8 is compatible with Windows 95/NT supported devices. The product also features improved multi-scale plotting. Layers can be toggled on and off in any detail on-the-fly, and any detail can be read out to the drawing window for further editing or updated in one step based on the current view.

### **DataCAD 8 includes DC Viewer™ for Windows 95/NT**

DataCAD 8 will also include DC Viewer 1.0, a stand-alone program which allows designers to share DataCAD drawings and design information with clients and decision-makers at all levels in a company. The program runs on any PC or laptop and is perfect for design review sessions with a client or for faster approvals from management. Users can perform hidden line removal operations and shade CADD models for visualization. 3D models can be saved as VRML 2.0 files for Internet/Web page use, or output to any Windows-compatible printer or plotter.

### **About DATACAD LLC**

DATACAD LLC is an independent, privately-held company that provides robust computer-aided design and drafting solutions to architecture, building, engineering, and construction firms. With over 180,000 installations worldwide, DATACAD LLC's award-winning DataCAD architectural design products are some of the most popular, cost-effective CADD products available.

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