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LUCY KUHNS

Lucy is a civil engineering technical specialist and evangelist for Autodesk. In this role, Lucy serves as a consultant to planning, architectural, surveying, engineering, and construction businesses helping them to leverage the power of 3D modeling and project management technologies. She also guides architectural and civil development project stakeholders in seeking optimum design and outcome by embracing sustainability, communication, collaboration methodologies, and the overall BIM process. Prior to Autodesk, Lucy was a principal partner in a civil engineering and land surveying firm based in Santa Fe, New Mexico and has practiced in New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona. Lucy received her engineering degree from Ohio State University and has been working with civil/survey/GIS and architectural software applications since 1989.



A.J. MURPHY

A.J. Murphy joined the Autodesk Plant Solutions team in the fall of 2006. He is responsible for development of the Plant market for the Americas. This includes taking products through the Autodesk commercialization process, initiating the Reseller Channel for the new Plant Design Authorization as well as working to support Autodesk Major Accounts in this new business arena. He comes to Autodesk from Bentley Systems, Inc. (and formerly Rebis), where he held positions of Director for Plant Professional Services – N. America as well as Business Development for major projects. Prior efforts were with a major oil company, as well as ship construction and conversion.



IRA RODRIGUEZ

Ira Rodriguez is an AEC Technical Specialist with Autodesk who devotes much of his time helping customers to understand and strategize on Autodesk applications and workflows. During his 2-plus years at Autodesk, Ira has become proficient across all AEC solutions, with a special focus on Autodesk Navisworks and Licensing. Ira has 16+ years of experience in the industry. Prior to joining Autodesk, he managed architectural, 3D and GIS software applications for Mithun Architects in Seattle, WA. Ira holds a degree in Architecture and worked for HOK in Texas, helping to design projects worldwide and training staff on Autodesk applications. He also plays an active role in the Seattle Revit® User Group, serving as the board member for the educational outreach chair.



WILLIAM SPIER

William is an Engineering Technical Specialist with Autodesk. With over 14 years experience, his career started out as a plumbing designer with a consulting engineering firm in Seattle where he worked on a high-end, national department store chain account as well as other commercial and institutional projects. Since then he gained design experience in other disciplines including power and lighting, HVAC, and architectural design. William has worked in various fields within the AEC industry, including O&M design work on a major pharmaceutical account for Johnson Controls, Inc. Most recently, before coming to Autodesk he was performing plumbing, piping and mechanical design coordination for a major mechanical contractor in Kansas City, MO. William currently resides in Blue Springs, MO with his wife and five children.



PETER SOUTHWOOD

Peter Southwood is a Geospatial Technical Specialist and Evangelist for Autodesk’s Geospatial Solutions, specializing in GIS, web and mobile applications. Prior to his current position, Peter was the lead GIS Sales Engineer for Autodesk Asia Pacific. Before joining Autodesk, Peter was with Graphic Data Systems (GDS) where he was the primary technical lead in the workstation GIS and PC based CAD solutions group. At GDS, Peter also held a senior account management position. Since 1982 Peter has been working in the CAD/GIS industry, including CAD system management positions with some of the premier architectural practices in the United Kingdom.

Morning Keynote Speaker

LARRY PERSILY

Larry Persily serves as the state Legislature's point person on the federal economic stimulus bill. He works as a fiscal policy aide to House Finance Committee Co-chair Mike Hawker, of Anchorage. Larry's resume includes stints as deputy commissioner at the Alaska Department of Revenue for Gov. Tony Knowles and Gov. Frank Murkowski; an oil and gas, tax and transportation policy aide to Gov. Sarah Palin in Washington, D.C.; and 20-plus years in Alaska journalism including time as editorial page editor at the Anchorage Daily News, managing editor of the Juneau Empire and Juneau reporter for The Associated Press.

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