Lockheed Martin Launches Academic Prepar3D® Simulation Software As A Learning Tool For Students

ORLANDO, Fla., March 26, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT) released academic licensing of its Prepar3D® simulation software to immerse students in learning and problem solving. The special pricing of $49.95 makes simulation accessible to the academic community for engaging the next generations in science, math and social studies curricula.

Currently used for professional training, Prepar3D harnesses gaming technology for experiential learning. The software presents a realistic virtual world to support educational scenarios anywhere from underwater to suborbital space.

"Simulation makes learning tangible," said Chester Kennedy, vice president of engineering in Lockheed Martin's Global Training and Logistics business. "It is ideal for concepts that have complex relationships or to reinforce rote learning. Simulation immerses the learner in an experience to make the lesson more memorable and reduce the time it takes to master a new skill."

In Prepar3D, students can see the effects of their decisions and experiment with challenges at different levels. It also allows students from around the world to collaborate to solve real-life problems. With a free software development kit that accompanies the program, instructors can create customized academic lessons incorporating features such as people, wildlife, buildings, vehicles and weather.

Prepar3D is now used by the **Experimental Aircraft Association** and National Flight Academy to engage students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines. Lockheed Martin donated copies of Prepar3D to these organizations in 2011 to integrate learning objectives with inspirational stories of flight to interest youth in technological careers.

The new academic software can be purchased for educational efforts at or below the undergraduate level at www.prepar3d.com.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that employs about 123,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The Corporation's net sales for 2011 were $46.5 billion.

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