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HighRoad Software Selected for the AASHTO TRAC Education Outreach Program

Kansas City, MO, August 20, 2003 - Daystar Software is pleased to announce that HighRoad has been selected by the TRAC Program of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) for its hands-on education outreach program. TRAC (**T**ransportation and **C**ivil Engineering) is made available to secondary schools (high schools and middle schools) through regional centers where the Departments of Transportation (DOTs) work in partnership with other government organizations, universities, non-profit organizations, and private industry. TRAC is a program designed for integrating practical engineering applications and problems into science, math, and social studies classes.

The curriculum utilizes a computer and mini-lab of electronic equipment (TRAC PAC) that includes HighRoad in the classroom. Practicing engineers serve as professional resources to secondary schools. TRAC teams of civil engineers and transportation professionals are positive career role models and sources of information for students and teachers.

HighRoad is used by the students to design and layout roads interactively. By hiding its complex road geometry algorithms behind a responsive user interface HighRoad allows the students to try a variety of ideas and get immediate feedback. When the design is finished, the student can generate a drive through simulation complete with traffic to see how their ideas work.

By combining easy to use software and engineering mentors with the current math and science curriculum, TRAC hopes to generate more student interest in engineering, math and the sciences.

HighRoad runs on Windows 95, 98, 2000, XP, NT 4.0, and Macintosh computers.

Daystar Software has been developing quality civil and structural engineering software since 1984. Other products include Multiframe, Daystar Masonry, Daystar FootingMaster, and Daystar RetainWall.