

Software for Engineers Without Borders-USA

Bentley Systems has donated a selection of 24 Bentley software products, including MicroStation and ProjectWise, to Engineers Without Borders-USA (EWB-USA). The products will be available for use by all of EWB-USA's 12,000 volunteer members, most of whom are university students, to help them design, engineer, and construct essential infrastructure in emerging economies throughout the world. Bentley Corporate Foundation Officer Carol Rieg presented the donation to EWB-USA members last week at the 10th anniversary of the EWB-USA International Conference, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

The volunteers will access the software through Bentley's STUDENTserver self-service site, which will enable them to download, at no charge, current and future versions of the software as well as training and technical support. In addition to MicroStation and ProjectWise, EWB-USA volunteers will have access to WaterGEMS, WaterCAD, Bentley Map, and Structural Modeler, among other offerings. This is the largest donation Bentley has made to EWB-USA in its five-year relationship with the organisation.

Cathy Leslie, P.E., EWB-USA executive director, said that engineering software has become a very powerful tool for sustaining infrastructure crucial to the development of societies in emerging economies.

Commenting on the motivation behind Bentley's donation, Carol Rieg said that through its support of EWB-USA, Bentley is able to help address the immediate infrastructure needs of emerging economies, as well as to help sustain the infrastructure professions by providing EWB's student members with advanced software skills. This next generation of engineers can use these skills to help sustain the world's infrastructure long into the future.

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