

## Thomson NETg Introduces New Engineering Curriculum with IEEE

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Expert-Led Curriculum Serves Continuing Education Needs of Engineers,  
Scientists and Technologists

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Combining forces to meet the continuing education needs of engineers and technology professionals, Thomson NETg, the leading provider of knowledge-on-demand for employee training and development, and part of the Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC, TSX), and the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), have introduced a new expert-led e-learning curriculum called Expert Now IEEE.

Expert Now IEEE delivers expert-led e-learning that brings many of the best elements of the traditional "bricks-and-mortar" classroom to a virtual learning environment, including one or more expert instructors who lead the student through fully endorsed material. The courses include a rich instructionally designed experience and feature:

- \* Fully integrated instruction including assessments, glossaries and reference material;
- \* Course lengths of between one and two hours;
- \* Internet access 24x7 with automatic book-marking, and
- \* Continuing education units (CEU) endorsed by the International Association for Education and Training (IACET) for maintaining professional licensure

The tutorials that IEEE provides are a major source of continuing education for many technical professionals. Until the introduction of the new online curriculum, attendance at an IEEE conference was the only way professionals could participate in these tutorials taught by experts. The world's largest technical professional society, IEEE sponsors or co-sponsors more than 300 technical conferences worldwide with hundreds of tutorials presented on a wide range of topics.

"It is said that the 'half-life' of engineering knowledge -- the time in which half of what an engineer knows becomes obsolete -- is two to eight years," said Moshe Kam, Ph.D., vice president of IEEE Educational Activities. "A similar timeline holds true for other technical professions as well. That's why, more than ever, not only does continuing education remain imperative, but ease of access to interactive and expert-led education is paramount to maintaining one's career."

Thomson NETg's Expert Now delivers many of the same experiences found in a traditional classroom, including presentations by expert instructors, which is a dynamic match with the industry-leading professional education offered by IEEE. "We are excited to be working with one of the leading engineering societies to deliver this new curriculum, which we believe will lower the costs associated with professional development and allow our clients to accumulate CEU credits by reducing or eliminating travel and lodging expense, time away from the job, and less efficient classroom-based training experiences," said Joe Dougherty, president of Thomson NETg.

For more information and a complete listing of courses available in the Expert Now IEEE curriculum, go to <http://www.netg.com/ieee> or call 1-888-577-5779. To contact IEEE, call 1-732-562-5488.

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### About IEEE

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (<http://www.ieee.org>) has more than 365,000 members in 150 countries. The society is a leading authority on a wide variety of areas ranging from aerospace systems, computers and telecommunications to biomedical engineering, electric power and consumer electronics. Dedicated to the advancement of technology, the IEEE publishes 30 percent of the world's literature in the electrical and electronics engineering and computer science fields, and has developed more than 900 active industry standards.

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