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■ A company supplying innovative computer-aided design (CAD) services has received \$35,000 in prizes in the 2005 RMIT Business Plan Competition. Design Assist Partners developed a plan to supply CAD services to manufacturing and industrial-design companies. The services aim to reduce development time and costs and increase market competitiveness. Design Assist Partners was selected from 93 teams in what was the largest competition of its kind in Australia. Prizes worth \$80,000 were awarded. "The Business Plan Competition is about giving students the opportunity to develop the skills, experience and networks to help them harness their great ideas, talent and energy to create innovative new ventures," the innovation manager for RMIT Business, Rosemary O'Connor, said. Past winners of the RMIT University business plan award include successful start-ups Revive Recycling, Merchant Broking Services Australia and software maker Invarion.