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JUMPS Portable Systems Conference

If you were at the Microprocessor Forum, you know about the trend toward ever-smaller computing devices. A conference called *JUMPS for the Digital Future* will discuss pen-based PCs, personal digital assistants (PDAs), electronic books, and wireless communication. Sponsored by JUMPS (Japan-US Marketing Partnership Summit), the conference will be held on November 15, the eve of Comdex, in Las Vegas. The full-day agenda features speakers from major Japanese and US companies and includes discussions of both business and technical issues.

Attendance at the JUMPS conference costs $995; contact Japan Entry at PO Box 319, 65 Oak Ridge Road, West Boxford, MA 01885; 508/352-7788, fax 508/352-7578. (If you have somehow forgotten about Fall Comdex, it will be November 16–20 in Las Vegas. Full conference registration is $450. Contact Comdex registration at 300 First Avenue, Needham, MA 02194; 617/449-8938.)

Pen-Based Computing Reports from BIS

For more information on portable computers, try these two reports from BIS Strategic Decisions. *Pen-Based Computing* provides an analysis of this emerging market, including profiles of current hardware and software vendors and their products, market forecasts through 1995, and an overview of current technology and likely future developments. *Handwriting Recognition* focuses on products that read machine-printed characters (OCR) and hand-written characters, along with the companies and technologies that are involved.

Pen-Based Computing has over 125 pages of text and graphs and costs $2250. *Handwriting Recognition* is about 100 pages in length and costs $2500. Contact BIS Strategic Decisions at PO Box 5-0076, Woburn, MA 01815; 617/982-9500; fax 617/982-1724.

Learn More About Intellectual Property

If you're being sued by a competitor (and who isn't these days?), you may want to hear the *US Copyright Office Speaks*, a series of presentations by US government officials on the latest developments in copyrights, and other intellectual property issues. About half of the presentations cover technology areas such as multimedia works, software, reverse engineering, and digital audio. The one-and-a-half day conference, sponsored by Prentice Hall, will be held twice: in Washington DC on October 29–30, and in Los Angeles on November 19–20.

For more personalized assistance, turn to the *Directory of Intellectual Property Attorneys,* also from Prentice Hall. It contains profiles of 8640 lawyers in this field, indexed by specialty and firm.

Registration for the conference costs $695; audio transcripts and the course book are also available. The directory is over 2000 pages and costs $195. Contact Prentice Hall at 800/223-0231 or 201/894-8260; fax 201/894-0074.

ICE Chip Reports Provide Hard Facts

Integrated Circuit Engineering (ICE) offers a range of reports on vendors of ASICs and other ICs. *Profiles 1992* contains profiles of more than 175 IC companies, including products, process capability, and key strategic agreements. The *Mid-Term 1992* report analyzes technology trends, new products, and has an updated market and economic forecast. *ASIC Outlook 1993* looks specifically at ASIC products, vendors, and technology.

Profiles, at over 400 pages, costs $895. *ASIC Outlook* sells for $485, while the *Mid-Term* report costs $370. Discounts are available for multiple copies, and prices are slightly higher outside the US. Contact ICE at 15022 North 75th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85260; 602/998-9780, fax 602/948-1925.