Resources

Winstone and WinBench Updated for 1996

The Ziff-Davis Benchmarking Operation (ZDBop) has updated its two popular PC-related benchmark suites, releasing Winstone 96 and WinBench 96. Winstone 96 measures execution time of 13 commercially available business applications, while WinBench 96 details performance of each subsystem. Tests include the recently released CPUmark32 processor test, as well as WinMark 96 and a collection of full-motion video exercises.

All benchmarks are available on CD-ROM free of charge by sending a fax request to ZDBop (Morrisville, N.C.) at 919.380.2879. WinBench 96 is also available for downloading from Compuserve or via the ZDBop Web site at www.zdnet.com/~zdbop.

Desktop Videoconferencing Trends Projected

A new report from Forward Concepts, *Teleconferencing Markets and Strategies:* the Consequence of Price, Performance, and Plumbing, tracks the semiconductor, computer, and communications technologies impacting the market for desktop videoconferencing. The nearly 500-page report is based on a survey of more than 250 end users, manufacturers, and vendors. Topics examined include the dominance of H.324, the emergence of ISDN, and the acceptance of various ITU standards, including T.120, T.324, and H.320. It concludes with the projection that the market will grow 33%, to \$3.6 billion, in the next five years.

Copies of the report cost \$2,495. For more information, or to order, contact Forward Concepts (Tempe, Ariz.) at 602.968.3759; fax 602.968.7145.

Read Up on PCMCIA Technical Specifications... The 440-page book, *PCMCIA System Architecture:* 16-Bit Cards, Second Edition, is an in-depth guide to the popular standard developed by the Personal Computer Memory Card International Association. It addresses hardware and software design issues for cards and host adapters, software drivers, the ExCA (QuickSwap) extension, memory structures, and physical card and socket dimensions.

Copies of the \$30 book can be purchased through Addison-Wesley (Reading, Mass.) at 617.944.3700; fax 716.944.8243.

...or See the PC Card Show in San Jose

The San Jose (Calif.) Convention Center will play host to **PC Card '96** February 19–21, featuring the latest in PC Card (née PCMCIA) technology and market trends. The show opens with five conference sessions devoted to business issues and opportunities, followed by the two-day exposition. Presentations are divided into two parallel tracks focusing on technology and new markets.

Registration for the Monday conference costs \$595 for PCMCIA members, or \$695 for nonmembers; the two-day exposition is free. For more information, or to register, contact DCI (Andover, Mass.) at 800.767.2336 or 508.474.9258; fax 508.470.0526, or visit the DCI Web site at www.DCIexpo.com.

Embedded Computing Show Is Coming to Town You'd better watch out, because the Embedded Computing Show is taking its annual caravan through a number of cities in early 1996. The small, one-day tabletop show emphasizes real-time and embedded computing hardware, software, and development tools for engineers. The first four shows will be held in Santa Clara (Calif.) 1/23, Irvine (Calif.) 1/25, Huntsville (Ala.) 2/27, and Raleigh (N.C.) 2/29.

Admission is free. For more information, contact RTC (San Juan Capistrano, Calif.) at 714.489.7575; fax 714.489.8502, or send e-mail to steveg@rltime.com.