

■ **Microprocessor Forum '97: Call for Proposals**

The tenth annual **Microprocessor Forum** will be held October 13-16, and MDR is inviting CPU developers to submit proposals now for inclusion in the conference. Proposals will be considered from companies making announcements of new high-performance microprocessor technology. Presentations must include significant technical detail and include new information not previously disclosed. Microprocessors being disclosed in detail for the first time will be given preference. Proposals will be evaluated in four classes: x86-compatible processors, RISC processors, embedded processors, and programmable multi-media processors. The final deadline for submissions is May 31.

All presentation proposals will be kept confidential and may be preceded or accompanied by appropriate nondisclosure agreements. For more information, contact MDR (Sebastopol, Calif.) at 707.824.4004 or address your e-mail to dmendelson@mdr.zd.com.

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All entries must be submitted before December 1, 1997. Entry forms are available through SPEC (Manassas, Virginia) at 703.331.0180 or at www.specbench.org.

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The **US/UK Partners in Technology Conference** will be held in the Santa Clara Convention Center May 12-16. Intended to forge strategic technology partnerships between the two countries, the show provides a forum for venture capital, technology, trade, and industrial organizations. Technology exhibitors from the UK include ARM, Psion, Eidos, ICL, and Cable & Wireless; financial panelists include representatives from Sequoia Capital, Hambrecht & Quist, Bank of America, and Barclays North America.

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