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Smart Battery / System Management Bus (SMBus) Developers Conference Will Focus on Drivers

February Event also covers SMBus on PCI & IPMI and Battery Accuracy, and offers Interoperability Workshop

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The Smart Battery Systems Implementers Forum (SBS-IF), in conjunction with Portable Design Magazine, is sponsoring a Developers Conference and Interoperability Workshop February 9-11, 2000 in Palm Springs, California. The conference will cover such topics as drivers and integrating the OS with the SBS, SMBus for PCI, system manageability (IPMI) and methods for proper Smart Battery management. ACPI, handheld issues, Smart Battery safety and accuracy as well as recent updates to the SBS specifications will also be covered.

The conference, hosted by USAR Systems (a Semtech Company), is open to both members and non-members of the SBS-IF. The Interoperability Workshop (PlugFest IX) portion of the event, however, is open only to members of the forum. The Intel Developers Forum, also held in Palm Springs, directly follows the event.

For more information on the Smart Battery System specifications, how to join the SBS-IF or details on the Developers Conference and Interoperability Workshop, including on-line registration, please visit the Forum's web site at <http://www.sbs-forum.org>.

The SBS-IF is an organization chartered to facilitate Smart Battery and SMBus-related product development. The SBS-IF owns specifications which enable coordination of the Smart Battery and SMBus elements at the computer system level. The specifications are part of the ACPI/On-now initiative.

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