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EDN'S MARGERY CONNER TO CHAIR SESSION
ON MICRO FUEL CELL INTEGRATION CHALLENGES AT PPDC '06

BOSTON, MA, MARCH 21, 2006 – Margery Conner, *EDN*'s Power and Analog ICs Technical Editor, will chair a session on Micro Fuel Cell Integration Challenges in Richardson, Texas, on Tuesday, April 4th at the Portable Power Developer's Conference (PPDC '06). Speakers at this session will provide an extensive and practical review of the issues that will face portable system designers when they consider using micro fuel cells in future systems.

Conner will share the floor with other key power industry and fuel cell players including Jason Huff from Millennium Cell, William D. Hill from UltraCell and Rick Zarr from National Semiconductor. Topics to be discussed during this important session will include "Integrating Fuel Cells and Hydride-Based Hydrogen Storage into Low Power Devices," "Design Criteria for Fuel Cell Powered Mobile Computers," and "Electrical Integration Challenges of Using Micro Fuel Cells in Mobile Devices."

PPDC '06 will be an excellent opportunity for *EDN* readers to hear about the newest developments for designing powerful portable systems, including the session led by Conner dedicated to the latest practical advances in micro fuel cells. It is the only conference dedicated to efficient energy utilization and advanced power management in portable electronic devices. PPDC will focus on practical, solution-oriented discussions including case studies, application notes, and design tools.

"Micro fuel cells have been in development for years and are now close to becoming a commercial reality," states Conner. "The first-generation of micro fuel cell powered devices are expected to appear later this year and portable system developers will need to be able to distinguish the hype from the reality of this new power technology. I'm excited about the practical and leading-edge information that we will be presenting at PPDC '06."

Jeff Shepard, President of Darnell Group adds, "We are very excited to be working with *EDN* and to have Margery chairing the first ever session on micro fuel cell integration into portable devices. Through discussions with the presenters and general participation in the Portable Power Developer's Conference, delegates will have an opportunity to decide for themselves if micro fuel cells ready for use in their applications."

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