Radio Shack launches educational grants program

Radio Shack is committing $500,000-worth of TRS-80 computer equipment to a new grants program designed to encourage the application of microcomputer technology in US educational institutions.

The Tandy TRS-80 Educational Grants Program will award TRS-80 hardware, software, and related products to individuals or nonprofit educational institutions whose proposals are selected as providing the greatest benefit to American education.

An Educational Grants Review Board has been established to review proposals and make recommendations for equipment allocation. The committee will be chaired by Dr. Lee Droegemueller of the University of Arizona’s College of Education. Representatives from the American Association of School Administrators and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and other distinguished educators, will complete the review board.

An information packet containing a cover letter, TRS-80 brochure, catalog, submission information, and proposal cover sheet will be forwarded in response to inquiries. When a proposal is received, it will be logged and assigned a control number. To assure impartiality, the cover sheet—which is the only attachment identifying the source of the proposal—will be removed before the proposal is forwarded to the review board.

The board will meet quarterly to discuss and rank each submission before determining equipment allocations. The first of the quarterly sittings of the committee will review proposals addressing "Computer Literacy Among Teachers.". Deadline for submissions is June 30. For information regarding proposal content and format, contact Tandy TRS-80 Educational Grants Program, Radio Shack Education Division, 400 Tandy Atrium, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Call for participation
IEEE Micro special feature on software license agreements

For many engineers and scientists, the mass-market software license agreement is a new phenomenon. Hardware vendors have never asked purchasers to sign agreements that restrict the ways in which they can use products. Such is not the case with software.

Accordingly, IEEE Micro plans to publish an article that explores the different types of agreements that software purchasers are asked to sign. We would appreciate receiving copies of license agreements that you have been asked to sign, including any that you like as well as those that you dislike. Please write about your reactions to the agreements and identify particularly favorable or objectionable provisions within them. Confidentiality will be observed and no quotes will be published without your permission.

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Your interest and cooperation are appreciated.

Free literature available

High-rel hybrid DA circuits. A 12-page brochure, High-Reliability Hybrid Microcircuits for Data Acquisition, details Datel-Intersil's quality control program that assures conformance to MIL-STD-883B. Including information on screening procedures, qualification testing, and military specifications, the brochure is available from Datel-Intersil, 11 Cabot Blvd., Mansfield, MA 02048; (617) 339-9341.

Floppy disks. BASF Flexydisks describes the company's line of 5¼- and 8-inch products and offers tips on disk care and handling. To obtain the six-page brochure, contact BASF Systems Corporation, Computer Media Marketing, Crosby Drive, Bedford, MA 01730; (617) 271-4000.

Data acquisition systems. Data Translation's line of analog I/O systems for microcomputers is featured in the company's 288-page catalog. The products described support DEC LSI-11, Multibus, Mostek/Prolog STD Bus, Zilog, Computer Automation, and National Semiconductor systems. Request the 1982 edition from Data Translation, 100 Locke Drive, Marlboro, MA 01752; (617) 481-3700.

Microcomputer software. The Software Desk Reference is a 24-page catalog listing over 200 microcomputer products, including language and application tools, word processing systems, numerical problem solving programs, and disk operating systems. Ask for Catalog 22 from Lifeboat Associates, Catalog Dept., 1651 Third Ave., New York, NY 10028; (212) 860-0300.

High-reliability military circuits. Capabilities and facilities brochure from Circuit Technology discusses fabrication and testing of custom thick- and thin-film hybrids, data bus products, military CMOS, and miniaturized electronic subsystems. The twelve-page brochure, Total Microcircuit Capability, is available from Circuit Technology Incorporated, 160 Smith St., Farmingdale, NY 11735; (516) 293-8686.

Computer science books and journals. The North-Holland Computer Publications Survey lists 130 books and 25 journals in all branches of information processing. To obtain the 100-page booklet, write Han van Eybergen, North-Holland Publishing Company, PO Box 103, 1000 AC Amsterdam, The Netherlands.